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COMMENT OF THE DAY

The Subway

GOVERNMENT'S decision to provide commuters with a subway under Connaught Road has aroused mixed feelings. Criticism on three counts has so far been concerned with inconvenience, cost (which has so far not been disclosed) and the belief that the subway idea may be extended to other parts of the city.

On the objection of inconvenience, no good case has yet been established. The subway will be time-saving. A minority of users, whose destination is Connaught Road will have to use steps. The alternative is a walk of about an extra hundred yards. But the idea of escalators seems an excessive luxury. The ramps with a gradient of one in ten will not prove difficult and it cannot be reasonably said that for the majority the subway will add either to the distance travelled or the exertion expended between pier and office.

Subway Cheaper

THE question of cost poses other considerations. The subway is said to be cheaper than an overhead bridge, though it would be interesting to see comparative costs and also, whether subways involving extensive relaying of underground pipes and lines would always be less expensive than an overhead.

In yesterday's China Mail a correspondent suggested other sites where subways might one day be desirable. New skyscrapers are going up all over town and the possibility is that the peak density of 250 people a minute experienced at Connaught Road will be encountered elsewhere before long. How then do we tackle the problem?

Alternatives

BUILDING foundations and narrow pavements preclude the possibility of subways of the same kind in the built-up areas of the city. Alternatives must be found.

One suggestion made by the correspondent is that deep tunnels should be avoided and that instead roads should rise over crossing recesses. There may be many valid objections to putting permanent waves and switchbacks in city streets, particularly where tram run, but the point that the correspondent makes is that they appear to be a less complicated and less costly way of dealing with one of our major city traffic snags. And despite disadvantages, the suggestion is worth study for any new ideas it may produce.

Road Tunnel

ANOTHER alternative is that crossings at road level be maintained and means of thinning the vehicular traffic be found. The building of a tunnel linking Garden Road with Chater Road and the new waterfront car parks is one idea. For it seems that even with the new roads to be built after the Dockyard is dismantled, cross traffic from Murray Road and converging traffic from Jackson Road will continue to make the Chater Road section of the Cricket Ground roundabout difficult.

Happily there is no need for immediate action on other city crossings. Government is to be commended for tackling the most urgent problem first on Connaught Road, and though we would have backed a reinforced overhead extension of the roof of the Star Ferry concourse to convey commuters to the level of the first class pier, if costs favour a subway then that is the best bet.

GREECE REJECTS CYPRUS PLAN

UNABLE TO CO-OPERATE

Athens, Aug. 19.

Mr Constantine Karamanlis, the Greek Prime Minister, has told Mr Harold Macmillan that his Government will be "unable to co-operate" in the latest British plan for Cyprus.

The British plan, announced in June, provided for a seven-year "adventure in partnership" with separate elected assemblies for Greek and Turkish Cypriots and Greek and Turkish Governments help in running the island. Britain would retain sovereignty over the island for seven years, but Greek and Turkish Cypriots would be allowed Greek or Turkish nationality as well as British. Modified proposals announced last week said preparation of electoral rolls in Cyprus would go ahead, and that the Governor, Sir Hugh Foot, would authorise the setting up of Greek and Turkish municipal councils where desirable.

'For Them'

Last week's announcement also envisaged the return of exiles to Cyprus if peace could be established.

Archbishop Makarios, exiled in Greece, has already rejected the British Plan. The Turkish Government does not intend to appoint a representative to co-operate with the Governor of Cyprus.

"As regards the attitude of Greek Cypriots, it is for them to decide whether they will co-operate with your plan or not," Mr Karamanlis said in his message. "The Greek Government does not intend to appoint a representative to co-operate with the Governor of Cyprus." "As regards the attitude of Greek Cypriots, it is for them to decide whether they will co-operate with your plan or not," Mr Karamanlis said in his message. "The Greek Government does not intend to appoint a representative to co-operate with the Governor of Cyprus."

Never Asked

Mr Karamanlis, summing up the Greek Government's observations on the British plan, said these "seek to remove from your plan those elements which divide Cypriots in an almost organic way instead of promoting concord and co-operation."

He said the Greek Government had "never asked to participate in the exercise of sovereignty on the island."

Mr Karamanlis concluded that the British plan will not serve the purpose of pacification of the island and its prosperity.

"Since agreement for a provisional solution has been frustrated Greece will continue with all legitimate means her efforts towards the freedom of the people of Cyprus."

Mr Constantine Tsaltos, Minister to the Premier's office, said tonight that the Greek Government has never contemplated the idea of severing diplomatic relations with Britain or Turkey.

Court Rules For Dockers

A court of inquiry today recommended a basic wage increase of 7/6 a week for Britain's 100,000 dockers.

The court — headed by Lord Cameron — severely criticized employers for their "summary and total rejection" of the Union's earlier claim, and criticized Unions for not making a definite statement on how much they meant by a "substantial increase."

The court also "noted the absence" of an explanation from employers as to why the wage increases could not be absorbed by the industry and must be wholly passed on to customers in shipping and other trades.

Johnny Wardle Dropped From Test Selection

London, Aug. 19.

Johnny Wardle, the left arm spin bowler who was selected to tour Australia with the England team later this year, had his invitation withdrawn after a meeting of the full M.C.C. committee at Lord's today.

Wardle, who was dismissed by Yorkshire recently, was interviewed by the committee today. Mr R. A. Aldrich, the M.C.C. Secretary, issued the following statement:

"The committee of the M.C.C. have considered certain articles contributed by J. H. Wardle to a national newspaper since the date of his selection for the forthcoming Australian tour."

"They have considered a report received from the Yorkshire county cricket club, many of the details of which were not available to the selection committee at the time when the team was chosen."

Loyalty

"The committee considered that the publication by Wardle in the press of the criticisms of his county Captain, his county committee and some of his fellow players in the form, and at the time, that he published them did a grave disservice to the game."

"They believe that the welfare of cricket as a whole in terms of loyalty and behaviour must override all other considerations."

"After an interview with Wardle and after very careful consideration of all aspects of the question, the M.C.C. committee have reached the decision that the invitation to him to go with the M.C.C. team to Australia must be withdrawn."

Home This Winter

After his interview, Wardle told the waiting pressmen, "I am not going to Australia. It is my own fault and I asked for it. I am not going to say anything more."

Mrs Wardle said, "Anyhow we will have him at home this winter."

When Wardle was first asked whether he was available for the tour he said that he did not wish to go for family reasons.

Wardle's inclusion in the party for Australia was announced on July 27 and three days later the Yorkshire committee informed him that they would not require his services after this season.

The series of articles appeared a few days later in a national newspaper and on August 11, the Yorkshire Cricket Club issued a further statement, announcing they had dispensed with Wardle's services forthwith.

His Future

The Wardle case has aroused one of the biggest controversies in the game for many years, which will be stirred further by the M.C.C. decision to withdraw his invitation.

Though in England he has become second choice to Tony Lock as England's left-arm, slow



Atom Experts Agree On Controls

Geneva, Aug. 19.

The nearly two-month long East-West atomic experts conference was coming to a successful close here tonight as Communist and Western scientists agreed on the effectiveness of a controls system to enforce a nuclear test ban.

Fifty days after their first meeting, the scientists of both sides have indicated their agreement on the possibility of detecting nuclear explosions at a great distance, by approving their conclusions on the effectiveness of a control system which would permit the detection of any violation of a possible agreement to halt nuclear tests.

They approved these conclusions in a plenary session this afternoon. They will meet again tomorrow to complete their study of the final report, and the conference will officially end its work on Thursday morning.

The press will be allowed to attend the last part of the final meeting. Delegation sources said that the final communiqué would not include all the conclusions reached by the experts nor all the recommendations contained in the final report, which will be sent to the governments concerned.—France-Press.

FORMER WARLORD'S SON FOR HONGKONG

New York, Aug. 19.

A Chinese official's son, who chose gaol in the United States to deportation changed his mind today and decided to leave the country voluntarily. He will leave for Hongkong on Thursday.

The young Chinese, Shih Long, 28, was sentenced as a "scoundrel" last June 27 to 205 days in gaol and fined \$2,075 after he pleaded guilty to 41 traffic violations.

On learning that the Federal Government had been battling to deport him to China, Chief Magistrate John Murphy gave Long a choice of going to gaol or leaving the United States voluntarily.

Long, an engineer whose father was a warlord who became Vice-Chairman of the People's Central Committee under the Communist Government, chose gaol. But with 151

days on his sentence still remaining, he changed his mind today.

On leaving the courtroom, Long said, "I think the American people are wonderful, but your government stinks."—U.P.I.

Early Russian Moon Shoot Unlikely

Moscow, Aug. 19.

Professor Bernard Lovell, head of Britain's Jodrell Bank Radio-Telescope team, said here tonight he thought there was "no likelihood" of the Russians launching a moon rocket for some time.

"I think that the Russians are waiting for a time when the technique has been improved and accuracy improved — when more is known about the whole thing," he told Reuters.

"I may be wrong, but I do not think we are likely to see a Russian moon rocket in the near future."

Professor Lovell, who is attending an international astronomers' congress in Moscow, has offered the Russians the services of the giant Jodrell Bank Radio-Telescope for tracking any moon rocket they might launch.—Reuters.

Israel Troops Cross Truce Line

Gaza, Aug. 19.

An official United Arab Republic source said today that Israeli patrols have crossed the Egyptian-Israeli truce demarcation line at several places in the last few days.

It was the first report of Israeli incidents involving the demarcation line since the United Nations emergency force took up positions there last year.

The source said that an Israeli patrol composed of one officer and three soldiers crossed the line at Beit Hanoun on the Gaza strip yesterday, penetrated 150 metres into the area and interrogated Arab peasants.

The source added that while U.N. truce observers were investigating the U.A.R. complaint of the spot today, two Israeli soldiers arrived on the scene from across the line.

Israeli patrols also crossed the line at As El Makab in the Sinai desert, the source charged.

He said the U.A.R. has protested the alleged Israeli infiltrations to UNEF.—U.P.I.

A VICAR IN LANCASHIRE DEFENDS HONGKONG

Manchester Aug. 19.

A Church of England minister in the heart of the Lancashire cotton industry at Bury has defended Hongkong's textile exports to the United Kingdom.

In his parish magazine, the Reverend R. H. C. Lewis, Vicar of Saint Peter's Church, says that Lancashire people are themselves buying cheap cotton shirts from Hongkong.

He comments: "We could help Lancashire by not buying these cheap goods, but by doing that we would be putting

up prices for ourselves and refusing to help our fellow creatures out of their near starvation. The problem of the world's hungry men and women is our problem."

Mr Lewis says that in order to eat, countries like Hongkong and Pakistan have to encourage the level of home demand for industrial products was so low that they had to find overseas markets to survive.

Pointing out that Britain is a welfare state, Mr Lewis suggests

that the time had now come to create a "welfare world."

The answer to Lancashire's problem could only be found by the men and women who knew the business of cotton. He adds "that the only true answer will be the one they produce when their thinking is governed by Christian insight. No answer will be satisfactory that does not accept the basic truth that we in Lancashire bear a responsibility to cotton operatives and employers in Hongkong and Pakistan."—Reuters.

BOAC PLANE HIT BY BULLET

London, Aug. 20.

One patrol tank of a BOAC airliner flying from Tokyo to London was found to have been pierced by a bullet when the plane landed at Beirut aerodrome yesterday, the News Chronicle reported today.

The paper's Lebanon correspondent said the plane, a Bristol Britannia, was carrying 37 passengers who had been transferred to another aircraft to continue their flight to London.

It added it was believed the bullet, which passed through one wing, had been fired as the plane flew over the rebel-held Basta quarter of the city, normally avoided by foreign pilots for safety reasons.

BOAC representatives at London airport, where the passengers eventually landed, refused to comment on the incident, the paper added.—France-Press.

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ALY KHAN MAKES FIRST UN SPEECH

United Nations, Aug. 19.
Prince Aly Khan, making his first Assembly speech as the Ambassador for Pakistan, called for the creation of a standby U.S. Police Force.

"Until this is done, the United Nations will remain unequal to the tasks for which, by common consent of participating countries, it was designed," he said.

The suave international play-boy-diplomat spoke carefully with only a slight accent. He appeared calm and composed.

Supported

He supported the right of the Lebanon and Jordan to ask for U.S. and British help and said the United States and Britain were "fully within their rights" in responding.

He assailed inflammatory broadcasts as one of the most dangerous weapons of indirect aggression.

Yugoslav Foreign Minister Koca Popovic, like other Communist nations, also criticised the U.S. and British landings in Lebanon and Jordan and said there had been no justification for them. But unlike the Soviet bloc nations, his words were relatively mild and he said a specific date for the withdrawal should be set only "if possible". He withheld committing his delegation from voting for or against the Norwegian draft resolution or any other resolution that might be offered.

"Changes will have to come in the Middle East, but they must come peacefully," Canada's Minister for External Affairs, Sidney E. Smith told the United Nations Assembly this afternoon.

Common Interest

"This is the common interest of us all whether we are members of the Warsaw Pact, the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation, or uncommitted nations in the cold war."

In backing the Norwegian resolution, Mr. Smith said Canada hoped it would serve as a basis for further progress toward more discussions of much wider international problems, such as the testing of and control of nuclear weapons, disarmament and other topics fundamental to international security and peace, concerning which preparatory

discussions for talks at the summit have been progressing now for many months.

Mr. Smith re-affirmed Canada's support of many years for creation of a standby United Nations Peace Force, and also for a system of interlocking non-aggression agreements in the Middle East, which could guarantee the independence and integrity of all the states in the area.—U.P.I.

BOGUS NAVAL OFFICER'S POSE ENDED

Odiham, Aug. 19.
William Reginald Stanton's short career as a bogus naval officer enjoying the hospitality of the Royal Air Force ended in court here today.

'HOT' TEA FOR U.S. DRINKERS

Washington, Aug. 19.
The Food and Drug Administration (F.D.A.) announced today that tests had shown that radioactive activity in a shipment of Japanese tea which arrived in New York on July 31 aboard the Norwegian freighter Tancred is well below the established tolerance.

The F.D.A. added that the tea is being released for sale. The examination was ordered after the coast guard reported slight radioactivity when the ship carrying the tea reached the West Coast. None of the tea was unloaded there.

Commissioner George P. Larrick said in a statement that the amount of strontium 90 in the brewed tea would not exceed one-tenth of the tolerance recommended by the national committee on radiation protection and measurements.—Reuter.

FLOOD REFUGEES IN DANGER

Calcutta, Aug. 19.
Flood waters covering 500 square miles of north Bengal today began rising into the Maldah District threatening the homes of another 600,000 people. Already, the floods have made 3,000 families homeless. The families are being sheltered in tents and school buildings. But with the floods still rising, even the shelters are in danger.—U.P.I.

Expulsion

Beirut, Aug. 19.
Lebanese Information Minister, Farid Kozma, today ordered the expulsion from the country of the New York Times correspondent, Sam Brower, for publishing an article, which reflected on Lebanese President-elect, General Fuad Chehab and the Lebanese army.

Brower was given 48 hours to leave the country.—France-Press.

Tarzan: Russian Style

Paris, Aug. 19.
A COPY of the Soviet newspaper Izvestia reaching Paris today carried a dramatic story of a fight in the tree-tops between a man and a bear.

The man, a Soviet geologist, was returning to his camp in the forests when he met three bears. He killed two of them but his rifle jammed at the third shot.

The geologist scrambled up a tree, but the bear scrambled after him. Whipping out his knife, the man defended himself, and a violent battle to the death took place in the branches.

The bear, mortally wounded, fell to the ground. But the geologist fell too and was badly injured.

The injured man was picked up by a helicopter and his life was saved.—France-Press.

FATHER OF A-SUB' TO BE KEPT ON DUTY

New York, Aug. 19.
Rear Adm. Hyman G. Rickover, the "Father of the Atomic Submarine" will be promoted to Vice-Admiral and kept on active duty, "despite the opposition of top commanders in the U.S. Navy," Newsweek magazine said today.

The magazine's military correspondent, Lloyd H. Norman, quoted Navy Secretary, Thomas S. Gates, Jr., who said, "It would take a little while to get all the legal and administrative problems straightened out, but I'm sure it will work out all right."

Designated

In Washington, President Eisenhower designated Rickover as his personal representative to welcome the atomic submarine Nautilus when it arrives at New York on Monday following its historic journey under the North Pole.

The White House said the President did so on the recommendation of Navy Secretary Thomas S. Gates Jr. The move apparently was designed to make up for the snub to Rickover who was not invited to the August 8 White House ceremony when it was disclosed that the Nautilus had made its North Pole journey.—U.P.I.

Man Swept Away In Floods

Melbourne, Aug. 19.
Flood waters swept away a water commission employee who was trying to dismantle a weir on the swollen Gowlbourn River at Shepparton in northern Victoria early today.

He was Gerry Van Brest, 35, of Levens, who was working in darkness pulling bars from the weir when he over-balanced into the water.

Police and volunteers in boats later today searched a two hundred square mile area of the flooded river without finding his body.—China Mail Special.

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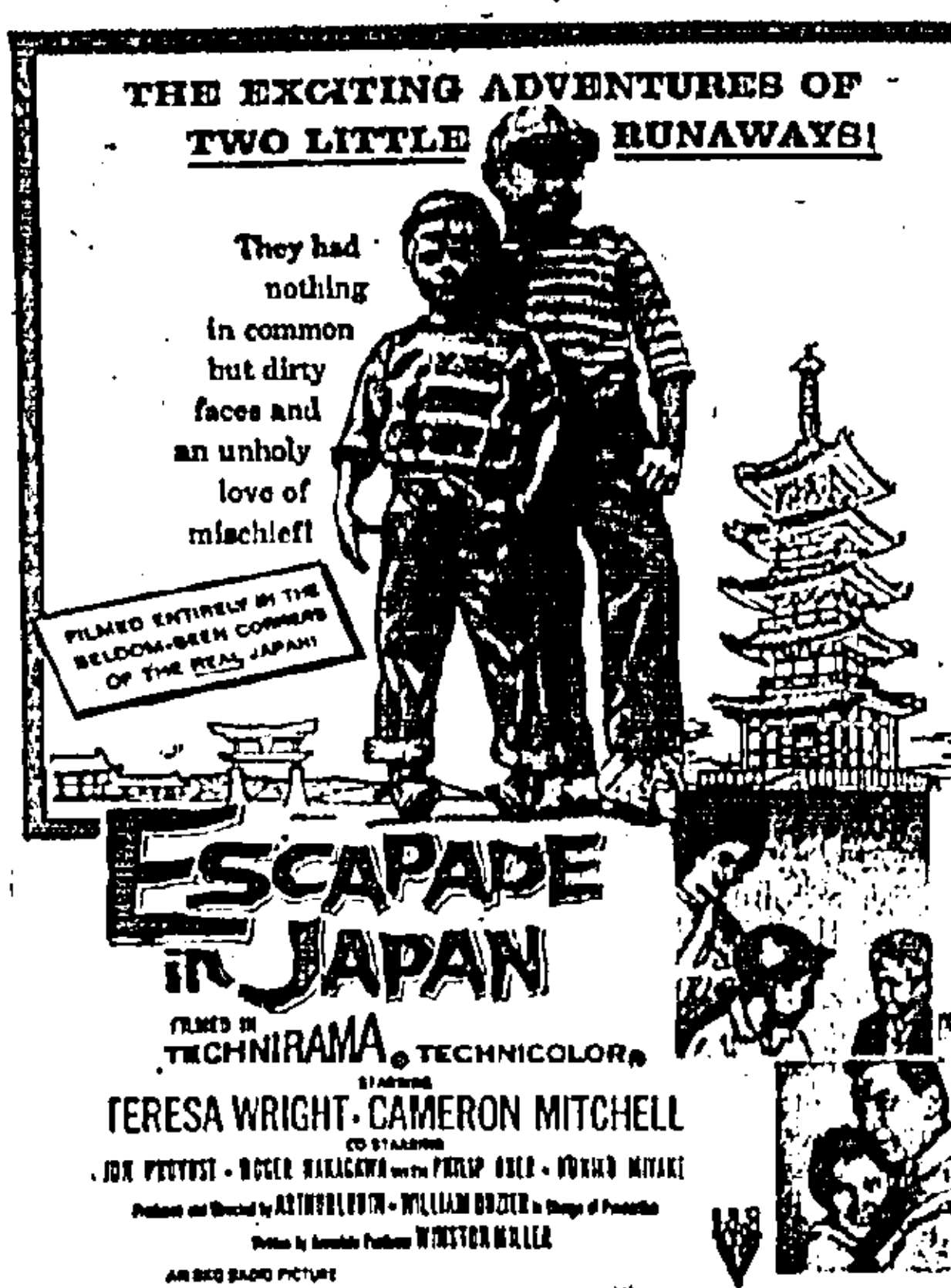
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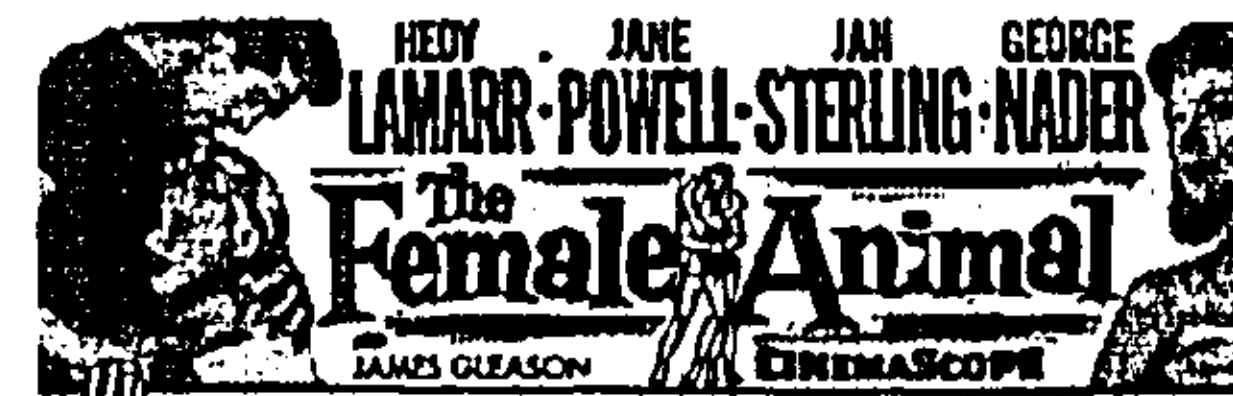
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PEOPLE

in the news

A Weekly China Mail Feature

"Oh! For A Job Like Tom"

Mr. Charles Evans, the genial President of the National Union of Railwaymen, has been for a trip on one of the smallest lines in the world—the completely un-nationalised and profit-making Exmouth miniature railway. "As we are here for our annual conference, I naturally wanted to pay a visit, even though it is a competitor," he said with a laugh. "After all, I love all trains."

Pays Its Way

Mr. Evans: "Aren't you having electrification and diesel?" Tom: "Oh no, the kiddies wouldn't like that. They prefer the old-fashioned steam train."

Mr. Evans: "What about nationalisation?" Tom: "I wouldn't want that and I don't think it will ever happen here."

Tom is not worried about the prospect of being closed as an uncommercial branch line.

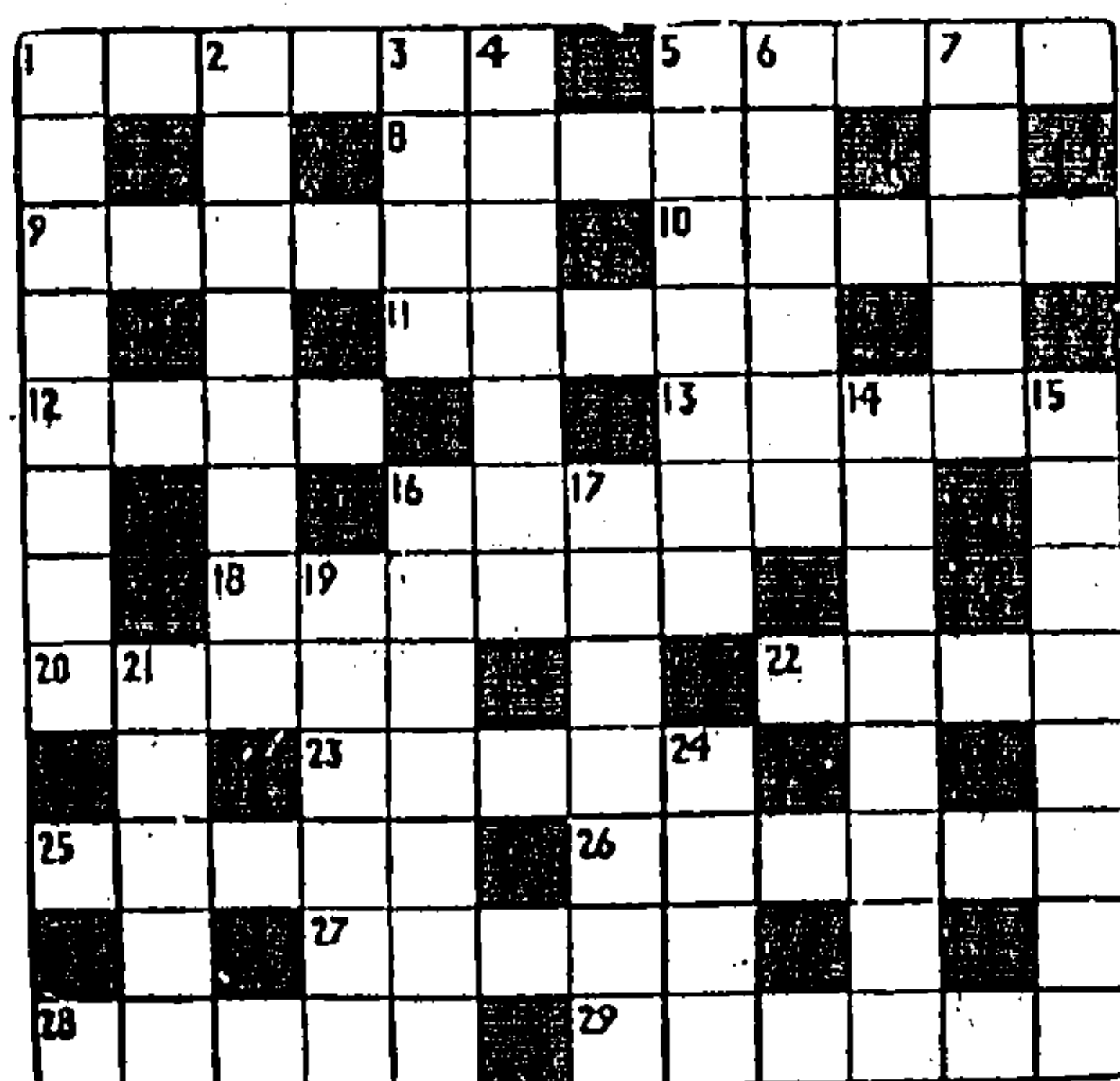
"This line pays its way," he said.

Tom, who lives in Ashley Road, Exmouth, used to drive real locomotives and was on the railways for 35 years, mainly on the Old London, Tilbury and Southern line. He was a member of the Footplate Men's Union, the Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen.

"I retired on my 50th birthday," he said.

As the train with its load of cheering children chugged off on another half mile trip—ad a time—Mr. Evans smiled wistfully and said: "If I could get a job like Tom, I would want to retire." — People Special.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- 1 Airfield runway (6).
 - 5 Old-time dance (5).
 - 8 So the cover is substantial (5).
 - 9 Ulster county (6).
 - 10 Personal attribute which might be lucky (6).
 - 11 Do away with (6).
 - 12 Wine holder? (4).
 - 13 Word of command (5).
 - 14 Right of access (6).
 - 18 Kind of uniform (6).
 - 20 Yonder (6).
 - 22 Place for bathers (4).
 - 23 Hunter constellation (5).
 - 25 Make up at 1300 hours? (5).
 - 26 Courteous (6).
 - 27 Little island seemingly occupied (8).
 - 28 Choose one not yet in office (6).
 - 29 Do it again, please! (6).
- DOWN**
- 1 Put over the air? (8).
 - 2 Lady's bag (8).
 - 3 Group of countries (4).
 - 4 A harvester's syndicate? (7).
 - 5 Success (7).
 - 6 Stick to it (6).
 - 7 Russian material? (6).
 - 14 Not at all doubtful (8).
 - 15 Decidedly fragrant (8).
 - 16 Let the girl rest, it's very high (7).
 - 17 Soldier or his transport, maybe (7).
 - 19 Saddle (6).
 - 21 Grand, perhaps, for residents (6).
 - 24 Pound on a piano? (4).

TUESDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 3 Part, 7 Voter, 8 Oval, 9 Wake, 10 Petting, 12 Slow, 15 Tense, 16 Road, 18 Orate, 21 White, 23 Spot, 25 Duke, 26 Make, 28 Sister, 30 Leap, 31 Visa, 32 Trove, 33 Noes. Down: 1 Homer, 2 Rectifier, 4 Adage, 5 Toes, 6 Male, 9 Wind, 11 Weald, 13 Load, 14 Wren, 16 Topes, 17 Swim, 18 Blk, 20 Restore, 22 Slip, 24 U.S.A.—do, 25 Drive, 27 Omit, 28 Eian.

Stroll In Mr Wright's One-Floor Wonder

From J. W. M. Thompson: New York

ONE of my more out-of-the-way experiences here recently was a stroll down a winding spiral of concrete a quarter of a mile long. It was quite a comfortable stroll, in the course of which I descended 75 ft. from the top of a half-finished building to street level.

It was also a glimpse of the remarkable world of Frank Lloyd Wright, America's greatest architect, who passed his 89th birthday the other day.

Wright in old age is still a revolutionary, and his curious downhill walk of mine took place inside his latest piece of architectural daring—a new million-pound art gallery on Fifth Avenue.

At first sight his creation looks like a space-ship mysteriously grounded among the staid apartment houses facing Central Park. A hulking concrete cylinder, wider at the top than at the bottom, with chip-like projections at one side.

When you enter you see there is only one floor—but it is an ordinary floor. It winds round the inside of the cylinder from top to bottom, losing altitude at the rate of 35 ft. for every 100 ft. they walk.

As they circle gently downwards they will inspect the pictures displayed on the walls.

At first the pictures may be slightly overlooked in the novelty of the building itself. Wright's critics, who have generally been plentiful, have said that the pictures will look odd anyhow, hanging on curved walls over a floor which slopes down one side. But that has to be tested when the gallery is finished next winter.

Meanwhile, Frank Lloyd Wright is not a man to be disturbed by criticism.

Patriarch

He is still, in his 90th year, an alert and sharp-eyed figure when he arrives on the building site to inspect progress. He pokes his walking-stick into every corner—a tall, lean, white-haired patriarch, cheerful, testy, and gregarious by turns.

I noticed one detail in the bustling scene which seemed pleasant in its unpretentiousness.

On the corner of the site stands a nondescript caravan, with all the racket of dust and construction around it. In the window, with no pomp at all from the eagle of a famous name, is a little card saying: "Office of Frank Lloyd Wright."

I am sure Mr. Wright is amused to reflect that he is now giving the city of multi-storey skyscrapers its most talked about new building for years—and that it is, technically, only one storey high.

Walk Down

Wright's idea is that visitors to the gallery (which will house the Guggenheim Museum, one of New York's richest collections) will take a lift to the top when they arrive. Then they will walk round and round, down and down, losing altitude at the rate of 35 ft. for every 100 ft. they walk.

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At a party

There was one condition. It must, she said, take place in her seatfront at Hove, Sussex.

While she was being prepared for the operation Gem DIED... Just like her mother.

Gem—real names Daphne Joan—was only 36. Seven weeks ago she married for the third time.

Her husband is Major George Kerswell, 37-year-old paratroop officer.

They met at a cocktail party and announced their engagement while Gem was playing tennis in France.

They were married in Aldershot, but their honeymoon was cut short when Major Kerswell was ordered to Cyprus.

So in love

It was only minutes before he was due to fly from there to Jordan with the 16th Parachute Brigade that he was told of his wife's death.

He was hurriedly switched to another aircraft and flown to England.

Last night, at the flat in Hove, a friend said: "He arrived here late on Sunday. He is very distressed. They were very much in love."

One day, at a restaurant, he asked the waitress: "Have you got frog's legs?" "I'll ask the chef," the waitress replied. "No, no, no," said Groucho, wiggling his eyebrows suggestively. "You're supposed to say: 'No, it's rheumatism that makes me walk that way.' But it was a bit of temper that led to success."

Pays Off

Everything went badly until they hit a little Texas town called Moxey at the end of a party. Suddenly stood up the audience and walked out. The counter-attraction: a runaway mule.

Used to insults though they were, this one got the Marx brothers and Co. hopping mad. When the audience returned 30 minutes later, they wiped their serious-sung routine and pitched into Texans and Texas in general with a furious, rough-and-tumble burlesque. One of the ad-libs: "The Jacksons—Is the finest—Flower in—Tex-ase!"



She Died At The Dentist's

By "People" Reporter

TENNIS star "Gem" Gilbert had a horror of the dentist's chair.

It was a fear that began when her mother died having a tooth out.

When her own teeth began to pain her Gem had to drop out of a Hampshire tournament.

But she kept putting off a visit to the dreaded dentist's.

The pain grew worse, and at last she agreed to a dental operation.

At a party

There was one condition. It must, she said, take place in her seatfront at Hove, Sussex.

While she was being prepared for the operation Gem DIED... Just like her mother.

Gem—real names Daphne Joan—was only 36. Seven weeks ago she married for the third time.

Her husband is Major George Kerswell, 37-year-old paratroop officer.

They met at a cocktail party and announced their engagement while Gem was playing tennis in France.

They were married in Aldershot, but their honeymoon was cut short when Major Kerswell was ordered to Cyprus.

So in love

It was only minutes before he was due to fly from there to Jordan with the 16th Parachute Brigade that he was told of his wife's death.

He was hurriedly switched to another aircraft and flown to England.

Last night, at the flat in Hove, a friend said: "He arrived here late on Sunday. He is very distressed. They were very much in love."

One day, at a restaurant, he asked the waitress: "Have you got frog's legs?" "I'll ask the chef," the waitress replied. "No, no, no," said Groucho, wiggling his eyebrows suggestively. "You're supposed to say: 'No, it's rheumatism that makes me walk that way.' But it was a bit of temper that led to success."

Pays Off

Everything went badly until they hit a little Texas town called Moxey at the end of a party. Suddenly stood up the audience and walked out. The counter-attraction: a runaway mule.

Used to insults though they were, this one got the Marx brothers and Co. hopping mad. When the audience returned 30 minutes later, they wiped their serious-sung routine and pitched into Texans and Texas in general with a furious, rough-and-tumble burlesque. One of the ad-libs: "The Jacksons—Is the finest—Flower in—Tex-ase!"

Swimming at 90

The Rev. Ernest Scholes, of Leeds, celebrated his 90th birthday by having a swim in the pool of Leeds Grammar School, where he was educated.

Tourist Impressions

Wellington.

A WANGANUI resident bought two half-bottles of whisky. A congratulating himself at being so fortunate in the present spirit-famine of this country, and placed them in a car.

The car, however, though similar to his own in make and colour, belonged to a visitor to Wanganui. By the time the resident discovered his mistake, the car was gone.

The visitor, he feels, believes Wanganui hospitality is out on its own.—People Special.

GROUCHO

By SIMON KAVANAUGH

London.

In a lifetime of success and few failures, moustachioed, cigar-brandishing Groucho Marx, most literate and principal funny-man of the Marx Brothers, has established himself as one of the world's best-loved comedians.

His style is unique. Where most comedians get their laughs by being too hopeless to win the battle of life, Groucho oozes self-confidence.

Crooked, cynical, pun-cracking and lecherous, he has provided culture-larks through some of the slickest slapstick ever to be screened.

Last week Groucho, third-eldest of the original five Marx brothers, is in his sixties. (He keeps his exact age a secret). He has mastered every medium of entertainment. Now he earns £150,000 a year as comic quiz-master of America's most popular T.V. show, "You Bet Your Life."

Yet Groucho—the name springs from "groucher"—has never rid himself of the obsession that he is about to be washed up, penniless and a burden on society.

Insomnia

His all-time hobby is worry. He worries about money (he will search miles for a cheap hotel), about filming—"How can they expect you to be funny at eight in the morning?" He worries about his present and his future.

For he is a comic by profession, not by nature. Each week-crack is another ring of the cash register.

This gives him hypochondria. Groucho chronic insomnia. So much so, that he goes to bed at night wearing a mask, to shut out the light, his ears jammed with wax, to keep out the noise, and a long air-gun nearby for the neighbours' dogs—if they bark.

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Groucho Marx - - - "DEAD" he said

BLOOD TEST SHOWED WIFE'S GUILT

By "People" Reporter

A DIVORCE COURT judge accepted the result of a blood test carried out on a baby as proof that the mother, a beautiful 24-year-old model, had committed misconduct. And he granted a decree nisi to the husband, 43-year-old film producer Anthony Squire, an old Etonian, of Ebury Street, Westminster.

Mr Squire's wife, Doreen, who models under the name of "Doreen" Jolliffe, did not defend the suit.

Her baby, a boy, was born nearly 15 months ago.

Judge Alun Pugh heard evidence about the blood test which was carried out on the child and said:

"I think the doctor's evidence is incontrovertible that owing to the two factors in the blood of this child, which could not have been transmitted either by the husband or the wife, the wife must therefore have committed adultery."

'A fact'

"I certainly find that as a fact."

Judge Pugh ordered that the co-respondent, Mr Patrick Summers, should pay the costs of the suit, although he did not find that Mr Summers was the father of the child.

"It is not necessary for me to decide WHO was the father of the child," the judge commented.

"But I find that on those occasions when the wife and Mr Summers were seen to enter and leave the house they did not go into these premises merely for a talk or for a social occasion."

Mr Summers, a former neighbour of the Squires in Thurloe Square, Kensington, disputed the claim for costs.

Mr Desmond Loundon, counsel for Mr Squire, said he had been given leave last October to present his petition within three years of the marriage on the ground of Mrs Squire's alleged "exceptional depravity."

No evidence

Mr Squire, son of author and poet Sir John Squire, and director of the air unit for the film *The Sound Barrier*, married his wife at St Michael's Church, Chester Square, in January 1955.

Mr John Syms, who appeared for Mr Summers, said his client was not asked to submit to a blood test. Mrs Squire must have conceived her child some time in 1956, but there was no affirmative evidence against Mr Summers until August last year, when an inquiry agent kept watch on his address.

Said the judge: "I can only repeat what I said before. I am not concerned who was the father of the child in any way. I have no doubt in my mind that adultery has been committed."

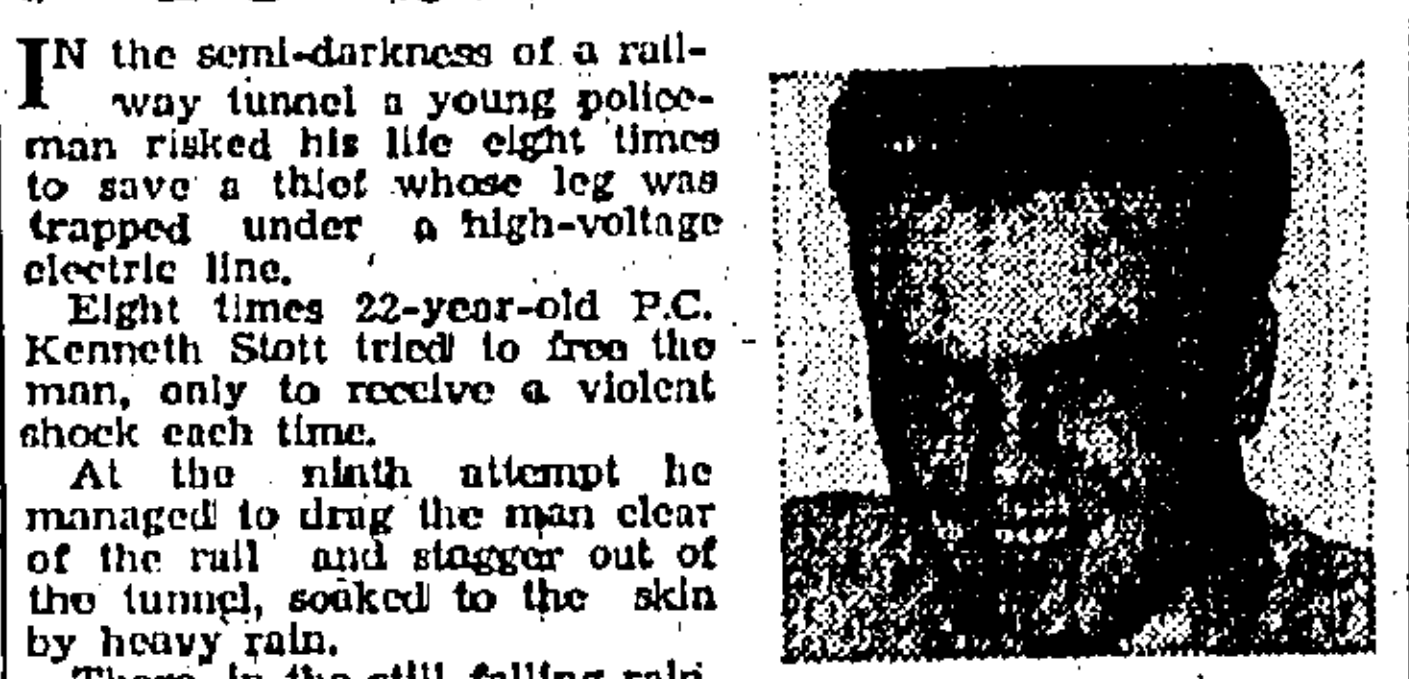
Woman Hater Goes To Gaol

Sturminster.

A driver here has been sentenced to a month's gaol because the judges decided, "he could not take it when a woman driver passed him."

According to the police, M. Charles Rolser, when he saw the woman driver passing, accelerated, forcing her to crash. The woman driver and her husband were injured.—People Special.

PC RISKS HIS LIFE TO SAVE A THIEF



P.C. KEN STOTT Peril in a tunnel

IN the semi-darkness of a railway tunnel a young policeman risked his life eight times to save a thief whose leg was trapped under a high-voltage electric line.

Eight times 22-year-old P.C. Kenneth Stott tried to free the man, only to receive a violent shock each time.

At the ninth attempt he managed to drag the man clear of the rail and stagger out of the tunnel, soaked to the skin by heavy rain.

There in the still falling rain, P.C. Stott applied artificial respiration. But the man was dead.

The life-and-death drama started recently when P.C. Stott was called to a home in Dawson Avenue, Birkhead, where the gas meter had been smashed open.

Searching the garden, P.C. Stott saw a man, aged about 30, asleep under a hedge.

He wrote him up and the man bolted to the end of the garden, rolled down an embankment, leaped a 10 ft. wire fence, and ran down between the rail-

way lines heading towards the tunnel, with P.C. Stott close behind.

Said P.C. Stott at his home in Thurloe Road, Birkhead: "I was gaining on him. Suddenly I heard a scream and saw him lying with his leg trapped beneath the live wire."

He added: "Although he was a crook, I wish I could have saved him."

ROUND-UP

EXPERIMENT SUCCEEDS

THIRTEEN boys from an Approved School near Leeds, Yorkshire, are among the 211 members of the 7th (Leeds Rifles) Battalion, The West Yorkshire Regiment (T.A.), in camp at Sennybridge, South Wales. The boys, who are all Territorial Army volunteers, are members of the approved school's Army Cadet unit. Lieutenant-Colonel B. Thompson, Commanding Officer of the Battalion, says: "The boys have been in the Battalion for about 4 months and are treated no differently from the other soldiers. They mix in very well." He described the innovation as an experiment—"probably the first of its kind in Britain"—and said it was proving to be a great success.

HIDDEN SILVER

A COLLECTION of old Sheffield plate was found by a silver dealer when his firm took over silver galleries in Charterhouse Street, City of London. The dealer, Mr. Barry Langford, 32, explored the place after he was handed an old plan by Mr. Norman Atkins, director of a firm who gave up the galleries. After some false leads Mr. Langford eventually snatched through some hand-board to be confronted with the hidden store of silver comprising thousands of dust covered pieces of rare old Sheffield plate.

MURDER SQUAD CHIEF

SCOTLAND YARD's chief crime detector, Chief Superintendent S. Alexander Findlay, is retiring at the end of this month. For the past three years he has been in charge of Scotland Yard's crime investigation department—known to the public as the "murder squad." Findlay took over leadership of the team of top line detectives from the late Chief Superintendent William Chapman in the summer of 1955. Chief Superintendent Findlay, 58, has been in the Metropolitan force for 33 years. He has 16 commendations and has served as a C.I.D. officer in many parts of London.

"SANDWICH COURSE"

A "SANDWICH course" in preparation for a commercial career for men coming down from the universities or out of the Services is to start at the London County Council's Ballman and Tooting College of Commerce, South-West London, next month. The idea of this three-monthly business training course is to form a "sandwich" between the college or Service life the men have been accustomed to, and the job they are taking over. Subjects covered include the evolution of modern industry, the nature of management, and legal and psychological aspects of industry and commerce.

FLODDEN REMEMBERED

SIXTIES recently crossed into Northumberland on horseback, in a procession of cars and on foot, to commemorate their heaviest defeat more than 400 years ago. Round the Flodden Memorial on a hillside near Branxton village, they took part in a service "to the glory of both nations." Major Henry Douglas Home, the B.C.C. bird man, whose ancestors fought in the battle, was present. A cavalcade of 40 riders crossed the river Tweed.

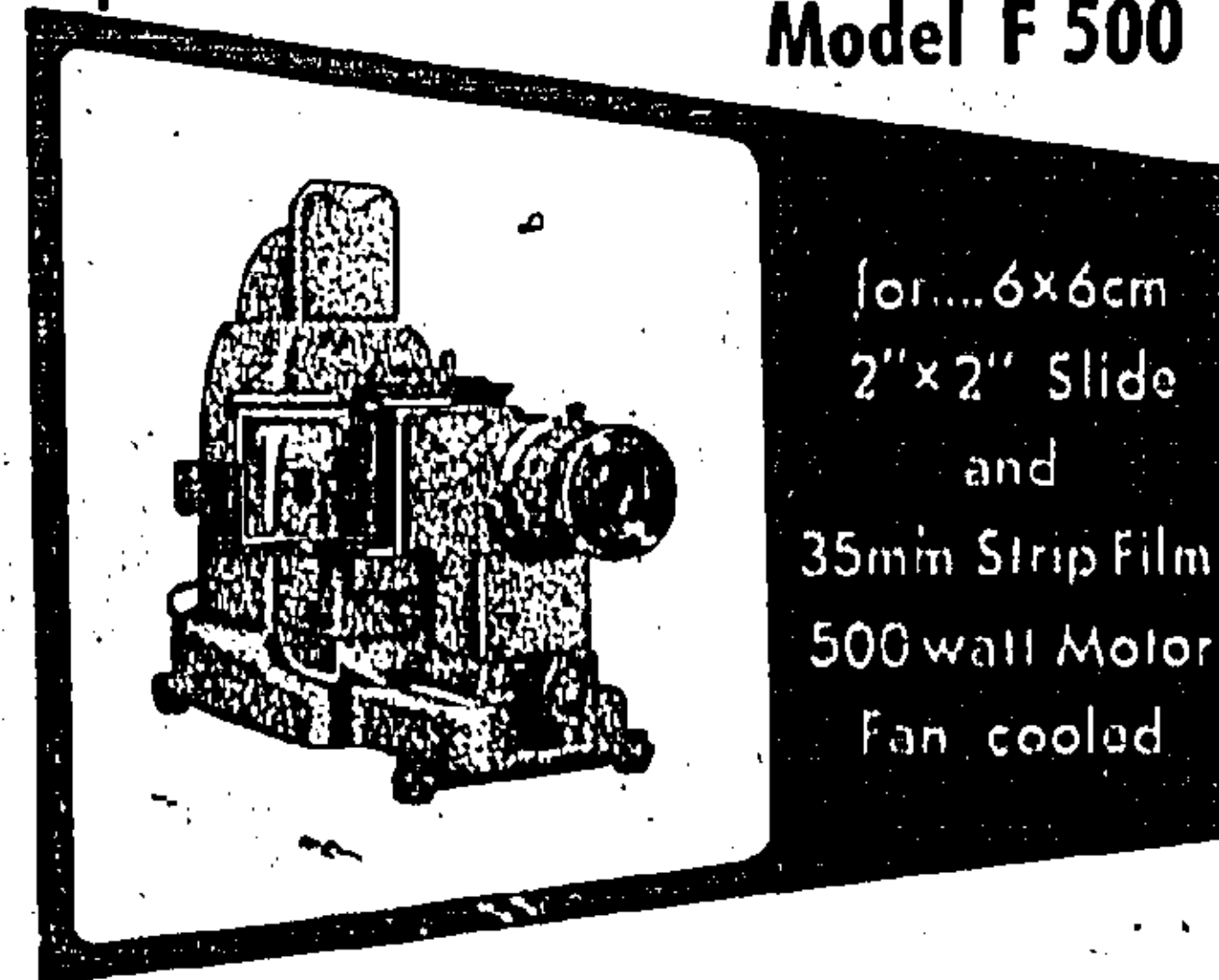


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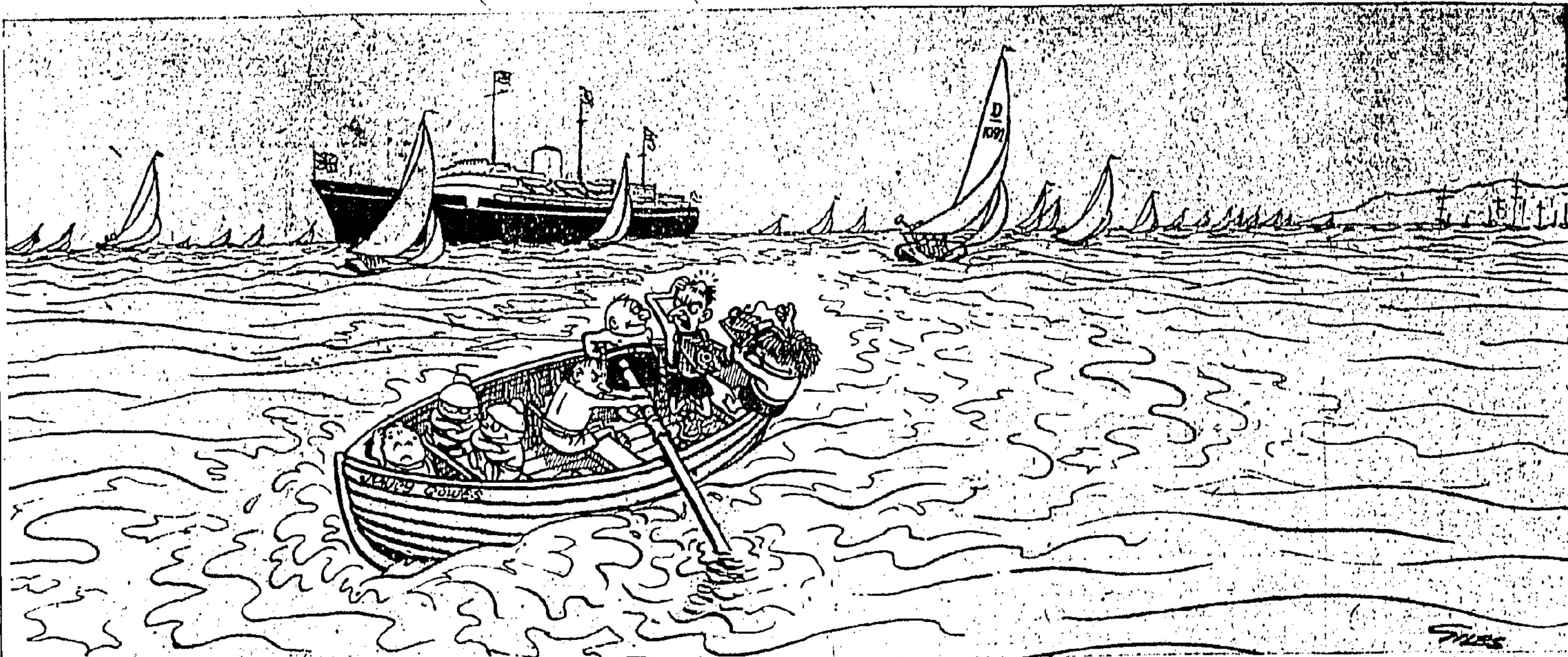
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"I know he don't like you taking his picture while he's racing—but I didn't know he'd got a polo mallet on board."

Secret Agent

DEATH IN THE CRYPT

IN the soft light of dawn, a ring of Greek security policemen, sub-machine guns at the ready, stood round a shabby badly-kept workmen's dwelling, No. 39 Lycureus Street in the Callithea quarter of Athens. It was November 14, 1951.

By

Lt.-Colonel John Baker White

The front door, the peeling paint, a sign of poverty, lay smashed in the gutter. In the cellar other policemen, shovels and picks in their hands, were digging their way into a secret chamber. Through an aperture they could see a wireless transmitter and a man frantically burning documents.

An officer called to the man to come out. He ignored the call. When the waiting policemen were ordered "Bring him out," there was the sound of a single shot in the chamber.

After a few minutes the man was dragged out, blood pouring from a wound in his temple. Bundling him into one of the radio-detector vans that had tracked down the secret transmitter, the police rushed him to hospital. But it was no good. He died three hours later without speaking.

Nicholas Vavoules, key man in the Soviet espionage network, had chosen his own way out.

Greek Communist

Through my liaison with the Elass parsons groups in Greece during the German occupation, and with the Soviet Military Mission that went to Athens after the liberation, I had come to know quite a lot about Vavoules.

Born in Odessa, he was a senior member of the Greek Communist Party of many years standing, and specially trained in "underground" work. He was

thus especially fitted to be a political officer with Elass, and because he could speak Russian he was attached to Colonel Popov's Soviet Military Mission in Greece as its signal officer.

Thick-set, good looking, with dark eyes that were a mirror to his keen intelligence, Nicholas Vavoules looked a typical tough partisan fighter. But he was much more than that. He was a

fighter; the second, the lovely Liller, Calamara, daughter of a rich Italian industrialist.

The Paymaster

Bates was in all kinds of black-market—American nylon, Scotch whisky, English gin—but that was not why I wanted to have a look at him. Behind the

He Preferred Suicide To Firing Squad

most skillful, and for a time, very successful, secret agent.

When the Soviet Military Mission left Greece in 1946, Vavoules disappeared and the security police assumed he had gone to Russia or Bulgaria. Actually, he had gone underground. It was nearly six years before he was discovered.

The Network

The network he had built up about him contained some colourful and unusual characters, but none so unusual as Demetrius Bates.

When, in the Spring of 1949, I went back to Athens as a newly-arrived, high-brow, economic journalist, I met a party at the luxurious flat Bates had in Iliacelous Street. Son of a famous admiral, rich, cultured, vain, Bates was a leading figure in Athens café society.

Lawyer without a practice, he edited a high-brow economic journal. His first wife was the daughter of a Conservative politician.

facade of the rich playboy-intellectual, he was the paymaster of the underground Greek Communist Party.

He operated a courier system that brought in the money from Paris via Marseilles, and worked in liaison with the Vavoules ring. That included Nicholas Belogiannas, a member of the Central Committee of the Greek Communist Party, a woman named Elli Ioannides, and others.

It operated two secret radio transmitters—one in the crypt where Vavoules shot himself, the other in a cellar, hidden behind a stone block mounted on wheels, under the Villa Avra, a pleasant house in the garden suburb of Gephyra. A reserve unit was hidden at a nearby chicken farm.

From these transmitters went out to the Soviet Intelligence post in Bucharest a constant stream of information about the Greek and N.A.T.O. forces.

Just before Christmas 1950,

Vavoules got his first warning, in two code messages



from Bucharest, that one of his transmitters was in danger of detection. The original tip-off could only have come from a Soviet agent in the Greek security police.

Vavoules closed down his transmitters—then, when nothing happened, opened them up again. But the net was closing in on him.

Belogiannas and Elli Ioannides were arrested. Then in October 1951 the security police stopped a ship's steward as he stepped ashore at the Piraeus. In a belt next to his skin they found 500 English sovereigns.

Trail To Bates

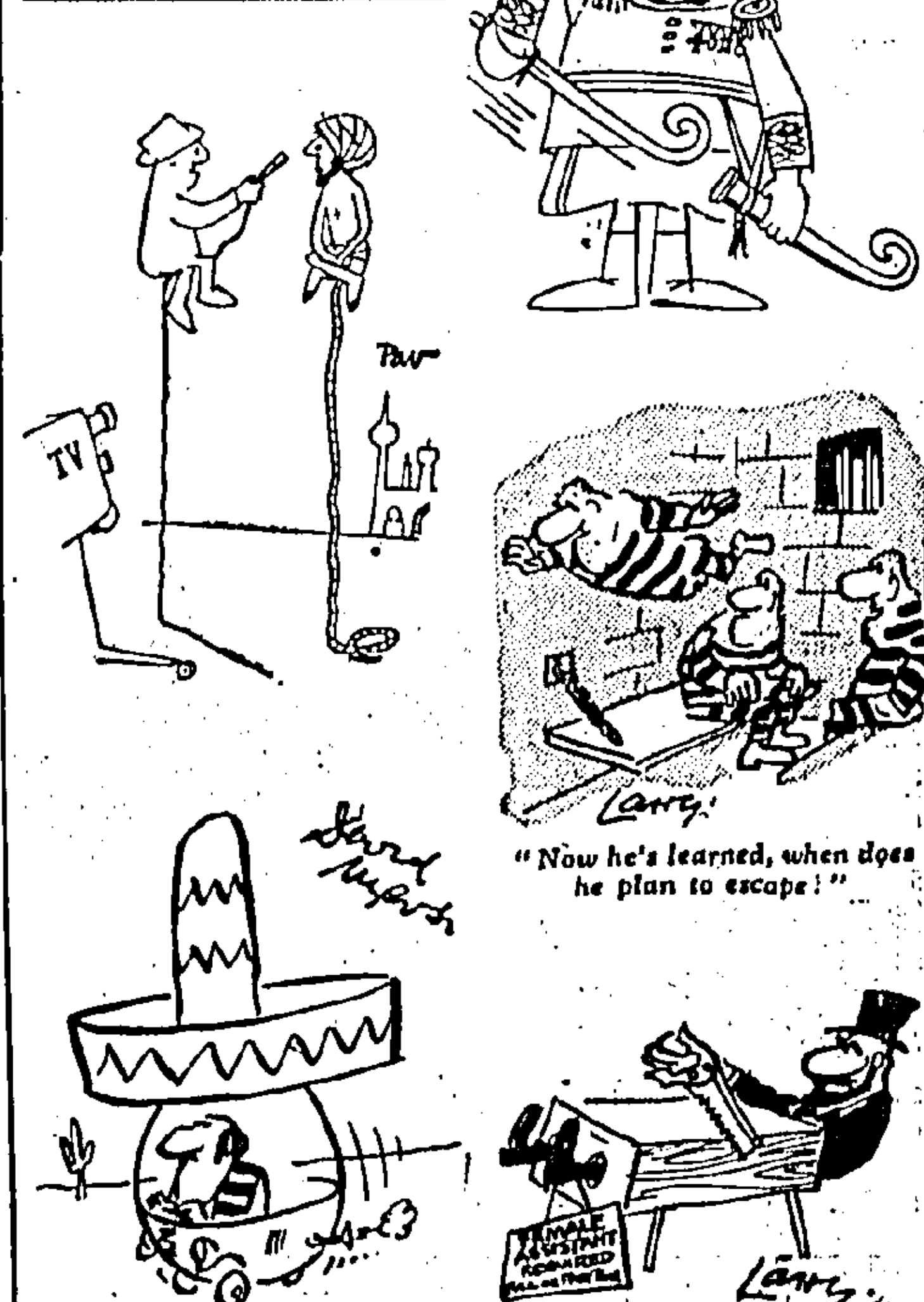
The trail led to the playboy Bates, hiding in an obscure, low-class hotel, and he was the next to be arrested. By the

end of the month the police detector-vans had accurate cross-bearings on both of the secret transmitters. Before dawn on November 14, they struck. Vavoules had sent his last message. The bullet Nicholas Vavoules fired into his own brain spared him a long trial with the inevitable end.

It spared him also another dawn—that of March 30,

1952, when, in the light of the head-lamps of three army lorries, Bates the rich playboy, Arghyriades and Calogiannas, key men in the spy-ring and radio operators, and Belogiannas fell before the rifles of a firing squad.

ZANIES



CHAPMAN PINCHER



REPORTS

RUSSIANS SEEK THE BLUESTREAK SITES

Britain starts a great rocket-spy hunt

THE most elaborate peace-time counter-espionage operation in Britain's history is being planned to try to keep secret the sites selected for Bluestreak, the H-bomb carrying rocket.

Security chiefs are convinced that the Russians will make a tremendous effort to pinpoint the sites—because of a technical drawback to the British missile. It takes nearly two hours to fill its liquid fuel

tanks, while Russian rockets would take less than 30 minutes to get here.

This means that there might be no chance of retaliation if the Russians discovered the Bluestreak sites and knocked them out in a surprise attack.

So an extensive system of camouflaging the underground launching pits is being worked out by Air Ministry experts. There are

to be many dummy pits and false sites. Even the deep pits from which Bluestreak will be fired will not be immune to the impact of an H-bomb at ground level. And the rockets cannot be left fuelled up because the liquid fuels set free gummy substances which block the pumps.

Scientists realise this is a basic weakness in Bluestreak, which will cost more than £500 million to produce and install.

JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Seven Made On Double Squeeze

By OSWALD JACOBY

IN developing a double squeeze in three suits it is likely that declarer will have to decide just how all suits are going to break in order to line the squeeze exactly right. Once in a while it is possible to see that the squeeze must succeed long before the poor defenders recognize what is about to happen to them.

In the recent Missouri Valley Regional at Springfield, Mo., Alan Bell, young Chicago expert, found himself in seven no-trump.

The bidding was both interesting and good and only five-zero diamond split kept Alan from having tricks to spare.

West opened the king of hearts. Also took his ace and played the ace of diamonds.

NORTH 2	
♠ A Q 10	
♥ 2	
♦ 4	
♣ J 10 8 5	
EAST	
♠ 6 5 2	♠ K 7 4
♥ Q 10 8 7 5	♥ 4 3
♦ None	♦ 10 8 7 5 2
♣ 7 3	♣ 6

South (D)
♠ 3
♥ A J
♦ A K Q J 6 3
♣ A K 4 2

North and South vulnerable
South West North East
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
2 N.T. Pass 5 ♠ Pass
3 N.T. Pass Pass Pass
Opening lead—♥ K

West showed out. Alan paused for a moment and spread his hand with the announcement "Seven on a squeeze."

After a few gasps and grumbles from East and West, Alan explained that he would proceed to run out all of dummy's six clubs. East would have to hold on to all his four remaining diamonds and hence would have to discard down to a singleton spade.

Alan, discarding after East would let go of his two small diamonds and then cash his long queen and jack. This would leave Alan with the jack of hearts and three of spades. West would have to hold the queen of hearts and would be down to one spade just as East was.

It would not matter who held the king of spades; both dummy's spades would be winners.

♥ CARD SENSE ♦

Q—The bidding has been:
North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
2 N.T. Pass 7

You, South, hold:
♠ Q 9 5 4 ♥ J 2 ♦ K J 7 6 5 ♣ A 3

What do you do?
A—Bid three no-trumps. With seven high card points and a five card suit you can afford to go to game.

TODAY'S QUESTION
The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You hold:
♠ Q 9 5 4 ♥ A 2 ♦ K J 7 6 5 ♣ A 3

What do you do with this hand?
Answer Tomorrow

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Look at it this way, Harvey—it's no more trouble than washing your own face three times!"



London, white woollen coat with red and gold beach sandals, Lady Docker said: "The whole thing seems to have got out of hand."

"The Prince must have lost his sense of humour. Women do silly things sometimes and I am quite prepared to say I am sorry, but he must make the first move."

Lady Docker was banned from Monaco when she tore up a paper replica of the Monegasque flag. Under a reciprocal treaty with France the ban extends to three provinces in Southern France.

"I took no notice at all," she is quoted by the Daily Mail as saying.

"I merely repeated that she had only come as a temporary cook and would still have to go. Fortunately, there was nobody around to see her."

"My husband wasn't there at the time and the whole thing had done it for my benefit only."

Lady Bruntisfield, aged 31, explained to the newspaper: "She was not, of course, an English cook."

"In not altogether sure why she did it but she was certainly very cross at having to go."

"Beside, the heat of the stove is enough to drive anybody mad so you can't blame a cook for doing odd things sometimes..."

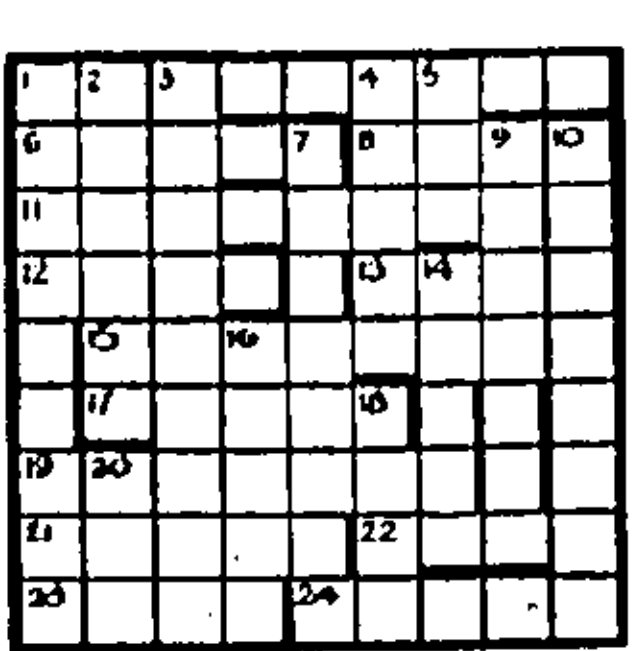
But, despite Her Ladyship's understanding, the nude culinary wizard left in a hurry—Reuter.

LADY DOCKER

LADY Docker, who arrived at London Airport from Nice with Sir Bernard after a fortnight's holiday aboard their yacht, Shephard, said: "I am quite willing to apologise to Prince Rainier, but only after he has lifted the ban imposed on us from entering his Principality."

She said that during their fortnight's holiday the yacht had kept out to sea and their friends had visited them on board. Dressed in pink slacks with a white blouse and heavy

CROSSWORD



- ACROSS
1. Tawny footwearer. (5, 4)
 2. Be taught. (6)
 3. Eastern breeze. (4)
 4. Dutch city. (7)
 5. Name. (4)
 6. Biting. (8)
 7. Ladies. (3)
 8. Mr. P. (4)
 9. Initiate. (4)
 10. Irish language. (4)
 11. Turned. (4)
 12. Dry goods. (5)
- DOWN
1. They still lay white eggs. (5, 4)
 2. Stralings. (4)
 3. Hop-dodger. (4)
 4. Sweet liquid. (5)
 5. Brick car. (4)
 6. To be a. (4)
 7. To be a. (4)
 8. To be a. (4)
 9. To be a. (4)
 10. To be a. (4)
 11. To be a. (4)
 12. To be a. (4)

WOMANSENSE

I Carried A Gun On My Honeymoon

By PATTI MORGAN

in an interview with HENRY THODY

PATTI MORGAN, green-eyed blonde from Australia and ex-hostess of Victor Sylvester's TV Dancing Club, gave up the gay life of Mayfair in January this year to marry Danny Chamoun, son of the Lebanese President. On honeymoon in Beirut, she was caught up in the battles of riot-torn Lebanon. Patti became the girl on honeymoon with a gun. Now she tells the full story of four fantastic months in this exclusive interview.

Oh, what a honeymoon! A bodyguard outside the door, guns under the pillow, and always the threat of assassination or kidnapping. Believe me, I will never forget it.

It's not true we just escaped kidnapping by a Lebanese. There was no secret dash in a private plane. We took a normal airline flight.

It is true, however, that there were threats of assassination and kidnapping.

THE TARGET

We did not want to leave at this vital moment in Lebanon's history, but Danny's father was very worried something might happen to us.

"Go, go now, and give me peace of mind," President Chamoun said to us.

We felt we were two additional worries to a man with more than enough on his mind at the moment, so we obeyed his instructions.

Just before we left, Hadjo Damous announced that the rebels were going to blow up the home of the President's son. THIS ANTI-WESTERN RADIO STATION HAD BEEN FRIGHTENINGLY CORRECT IN ITS PROPHECIES. ONE NIGHT IT ANNOUNCED THE PRIME

would be very annoying to be popped off by a stray bullet.

When trouble blew up, Danny gave me an automatic pistol. He took me up into the mountains and taught me to fire it. I carried it with me every minute until we left Lebanon.

Then we had a bodyguard. In the morning he took Danny to the airport, where Danny worked with Middle East Airlines.

That is why we are in Europe. Danny has to do a three-month course in Brussels.

After escorting Danny to work, the bodyguard would return to look after me.

Before I could go out each day I had to ring the Presidency. "Is it safe to go shopping?" I would ask. Often there was shooting on the way, and I had to stay in the house all day.

WHEN I WENT SHOPPING, THE BODYGUARD STAYED WITH THE CAR TO SEE NO ONE SLIPPED A TIME BOMB IN IT. THAT WAS THE REBELS' FAVOURITE TRICK.

NO PEACE

One day I was driving through the shopping centre when there was a terrific explosion behind us. Someone had parked a bicycle, to which was attached a time bomb, against a shop. When we got to the scene, wounded were everywhere.

Now there was no peace. When Danny first made me learn to fire a gun, I thought it was a bit melodramatic, like something on television.

Now I know it was deadly serious. The rebels, supplied

nightly with modern arms by anti-Western forces across the frontier, were out to destroy democracy in this prosperous little country which was known as the Switzerland of the Middle East.

For two months I never set foot outside the house after seven-thirty at night, curfew hour.

Down below our flat armed guards watched the pine wood, which was flooded.

ADVENTURE

Beirut is a great place for rumours. One day a rumour swept the town that the rebels had kidnapped Danny and me. Danny's mother heard it, and tried to phone us.

I was out and Danny could not be located in his office. Danny's mother feared the worst, and from then on she worried about our safety every minute.

That lead to my adventure at the habdresser's shop. I was having my hair washed the day before we left Lebanon, when mother telephoned the hairdresser's to tell me there was heavy firing near our home.

I said everything was quiet down here. I settled down with a magazine waiting for my hair to dry, when six heavily-armed soldiers rushed in, searching the wigs out of the women customers.

They whipped me from under the drier and thrust me into their jeep. It was not a kidnapping attempt. They were government troops sent by my mother-in-law.

I never felt so silly in my life. There I was in a jeep

Rumours of possible harm to us worried the President. Perhaps the rebels had no intention of harming us, but by spreading these rumours they managed to worry my father-in-law and distract him from his difficult job.

That is why we agreed to leave now instead of later, as we had planned. But after Danny's three-month aviation course in Europe, we shall return to our home in the pine woods.

I hope then I shall no longer have to carry a gun...

ONE WAY

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Knarf On Guard Duty

—The Job Was Harder Than He Thought—

By MAX TRELL

HANID, the Shadow Girl with the Turned-About Name, was just stepping past the doorway into the darkened room when a voice called out: "Halt! Who goes there?"

Hanid peered into the darkness. "Why it's you, Knarf!" she exclaimed, on seeing her brother. "What are you doing with that racket over your shoulder? It belongs to General Tin the 'I'm Soldier' and—"

"I said, who goes there?" demanded Knarf. "Knows it your name?"

He Knows It

"Don't be silly, Knarf," replied Hanid. "You know my name as well as I do."

"Of course I do," answered Knarf. "But it doesn't matter. Better tell it to me anyway."

"Why?" asked Hanid. "Can't you see, said Knarf, 'that I'm taking General Tin's place? I'm on guard duty. You've got to tell me your name or I won't let you go in.'"

Just to show that he meant all this, Knarf stood in front of the door and barked Hanid's way.

"Oh, very well," said Hanid. "I suppose I'll have to tell you. My name is Hanid. I'm your sister. I'm going into the room to go to sleep."

Knarf, who had been holding the musket across the doorway to keep Hanid from entering, now put it back on his shoulder. "Pass, Friend!" he said.

"I think this is all very silly," Hanid declared as she walked into the room.

The next second, Knarf called out again: "Halt! Who goes there?"

This time it was Teddy, the Stuffed Bear. Teddy looked around to see if anybody was standing behind him.

"Nobody goes here, Knarf," he said. "I'm alone."

"Yes, but who are you?" asked Knarf.

"Me?" inquired Teddy.

"You can't come in here until you tell me who you are," Knarf explained. "I'm on guard duty."

"I'm an Elephant," replied Teddy. "My name is Jumbo."

"You're not at all!" answered Knarf, indignantly. "You're Teddy, the Stuffed Bear."

"There!" exclaimed Teddy. "I knew you knew who I was. I didn't have to tell you my name after all."

By this time several more people had collected in front of the door and Knarf was busy calling out: "Halt! Who goes there?"

"I go there!" replied Mr. Punch. "I go there!" answered Judy, who was Punch's wife. "I go there!" said Mary Jane, the Rag Doll.

"I'm not going anywhere," said Hanid, the Small Size Wooden Indian. "I'm just standing right here."

Knarf let Mr. Punch and Judy and Mary Jane into the room after they all told him their names. He made Hanid go inside, too, because he said that nobody was allowed to stand in front of the door except himself. Suddenly the Cat came.

"I'm an Elephant," Teddy told Knarf.

Now Floppity seems to have found a trail with a stronger scent and, still keeping his nose to the ground, he begins to move so fast that Pong-Ping can hardly keep up. "Pew, my legs are too short for this sort of thing," he puffs. "How far is he going to take us?"

"Halt! Who goes there?" Knarf said to the Cat.

The Cat didn't even bother answering. She just went inside. She was in a great hurry. She pushed Knarf over on his face.

Knarf was glad when General Tin returned and relieved him of sentry duty.

"Halt! Who goes there?" here, Knarf replied, "Being a sentry isn't nearly as easy as it sounds."

"I'm certainly glad you got here," Knarf replied, "Being a sentry isn't nearly as easy as it sounds."

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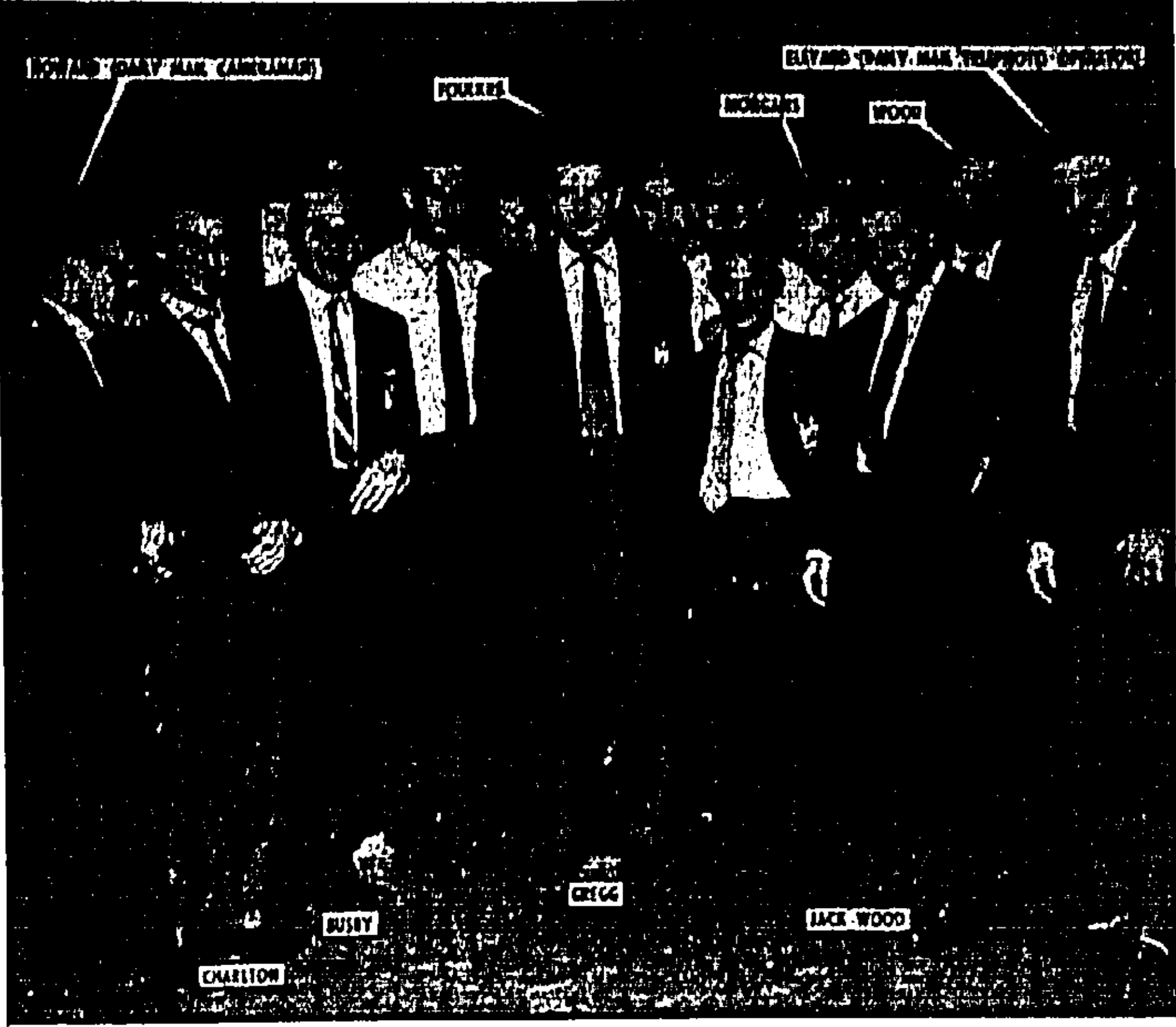
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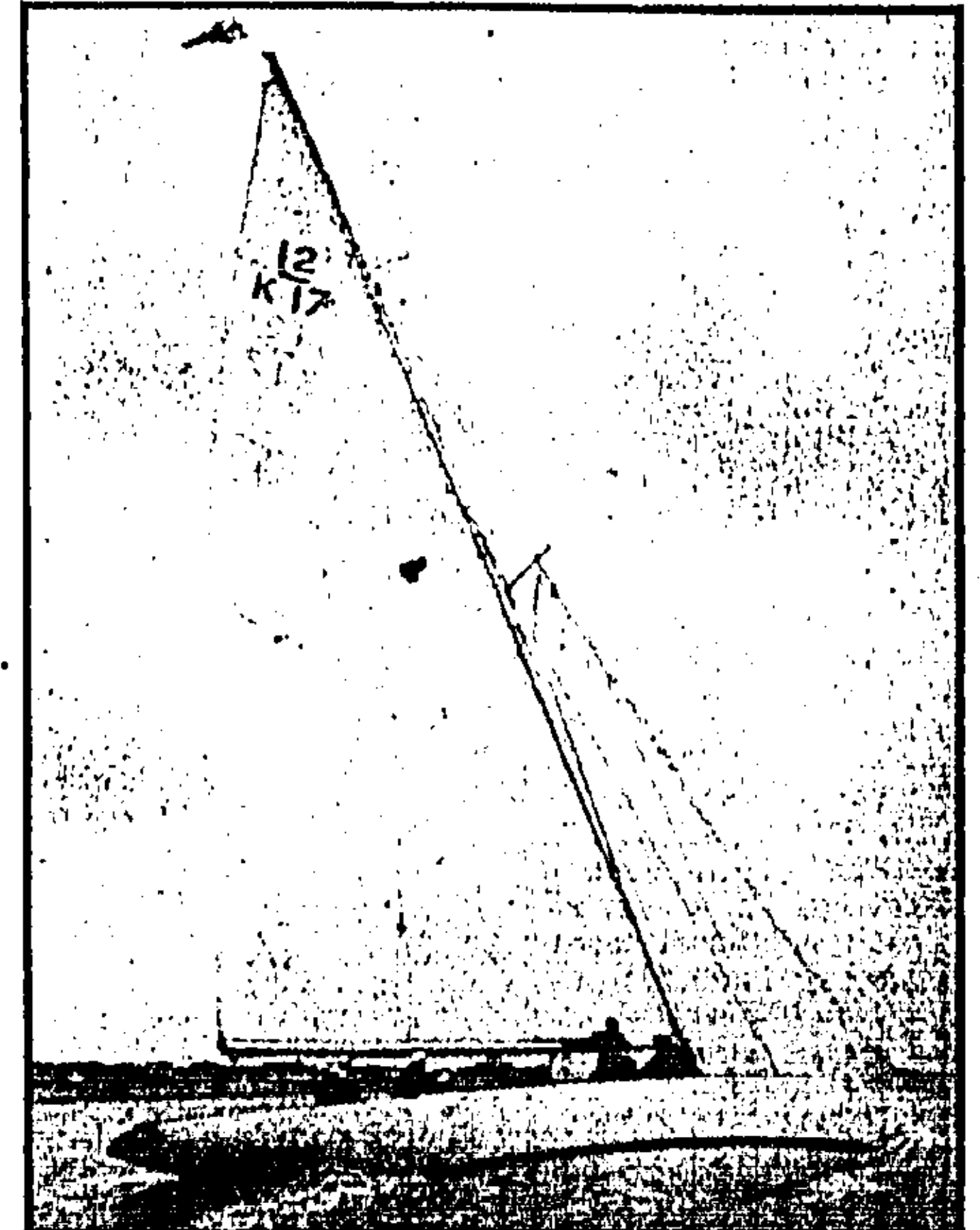
TOP: Manchester United on August 10 set off for Munich, the scene of the air disaster which cost the lives of 11 of their players and officials, and eight Northern Journalists. With the team went ten survivors of that terrible crash — manager Matt Busby, Bobby Charlton, Harry Gregg, Billy Foulkes, Albert Scanlon, Ken Morgans, Dennis Viollet, Ray Wood, Dally Mall camera-man Peter Howard, and telephoto operator Ted Elyard.



London Express Service



TOP: Back to Munich's Rechts der Isar hospital went Matt Busby recently with flowers for Sister Gilda, who tended him during the long weeks after the air crash.



TOP: A close view of the "Sceptre", which is already in New York to challenge the United States for the America's Cup on September 20.



LEFT: A scene at the start of one of the events at the RAF swimming championships at Kai Tak pool last Wednesday.—China Mail photo.

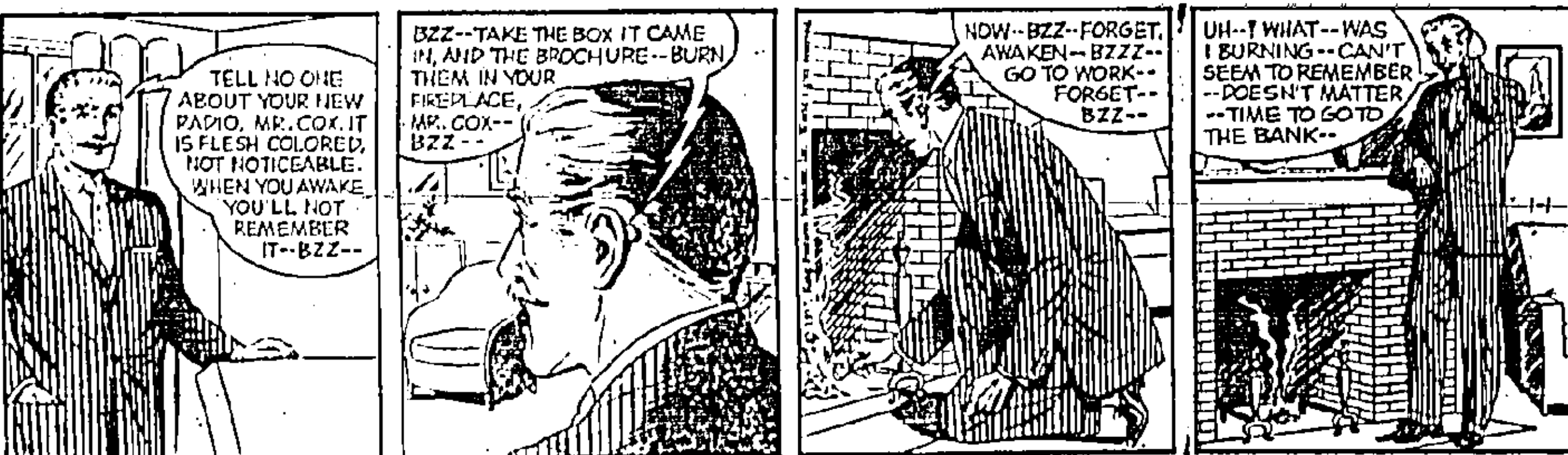


LEFT CENTRE: The first final of the Colony Lawn Bowls Championship for this season was played off last Sunday, when a Craignower three skipped by Miss Helen Kwong beat a KBGC combination skippered by Mrs Jean Rounsefell by 21-19. Photo shows Mrs Rounsefell in action during the match.

LEFT: Miss Helen Kwong shows her forehead delivery during a practice game.—China Mail Photo.

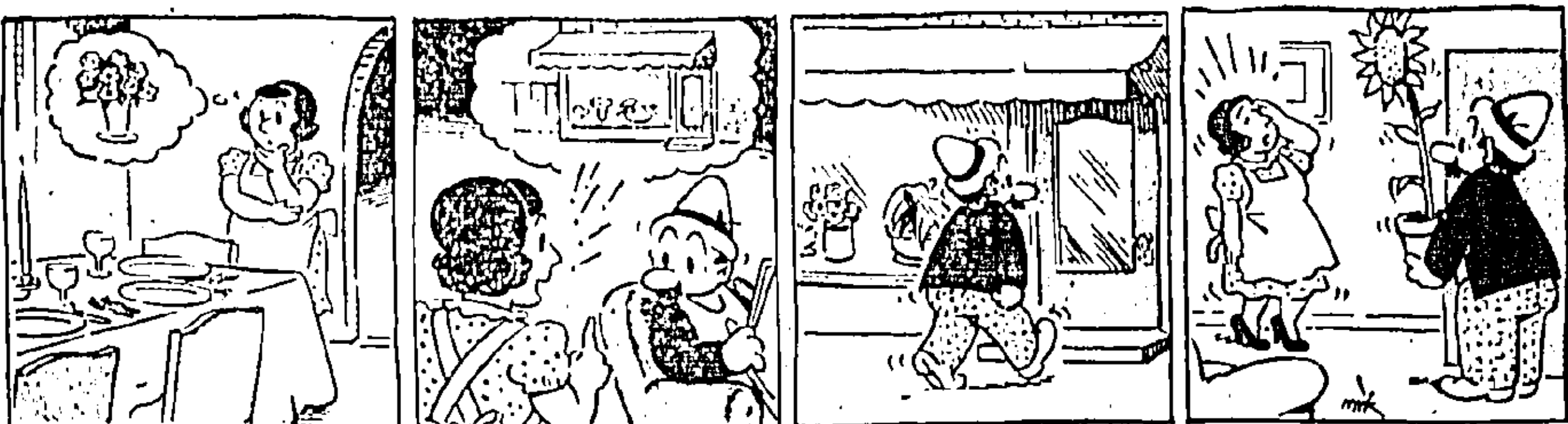
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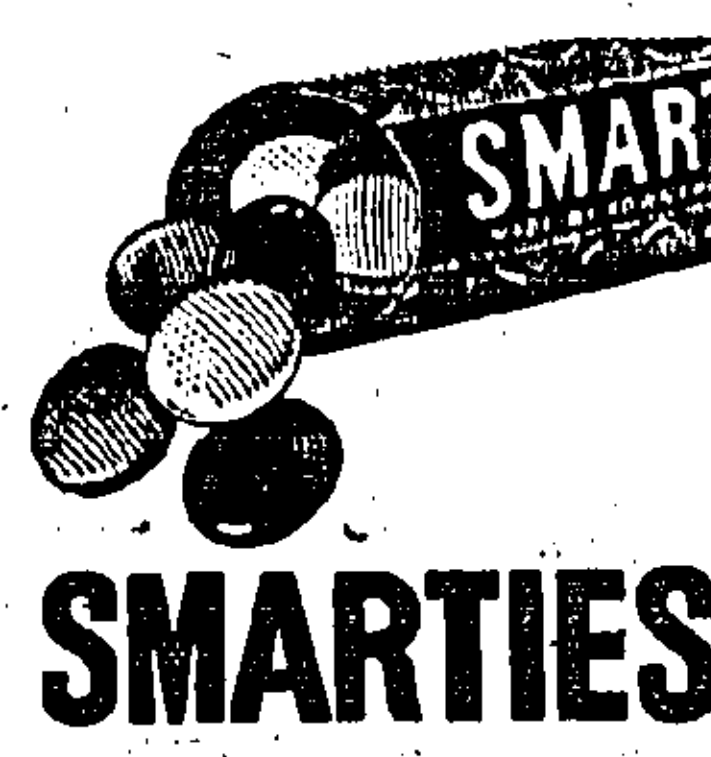
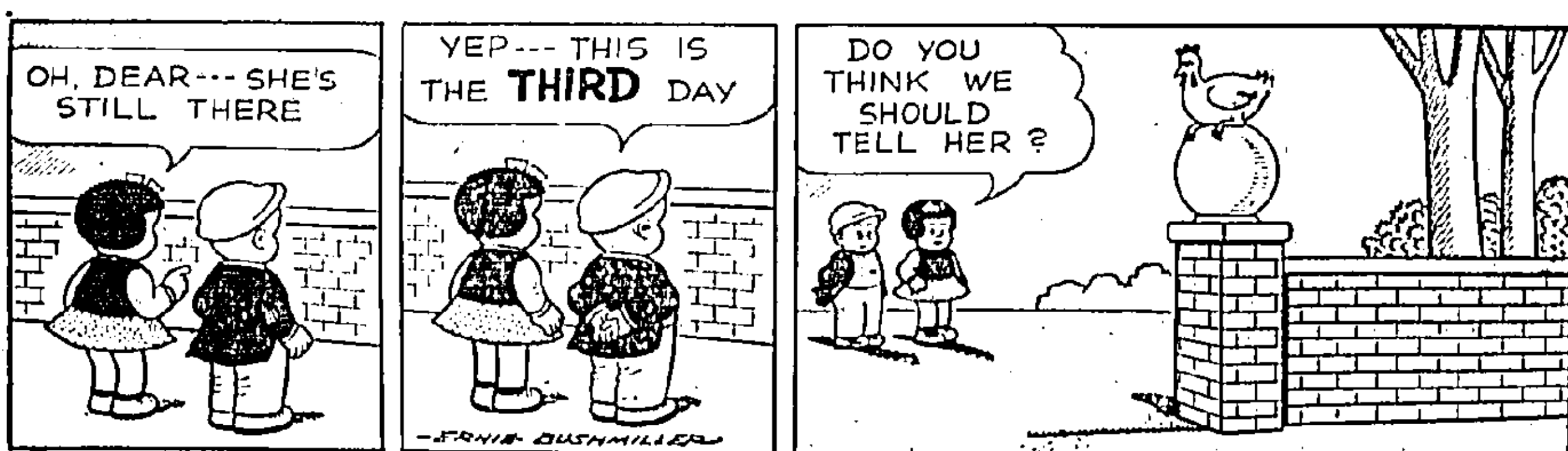
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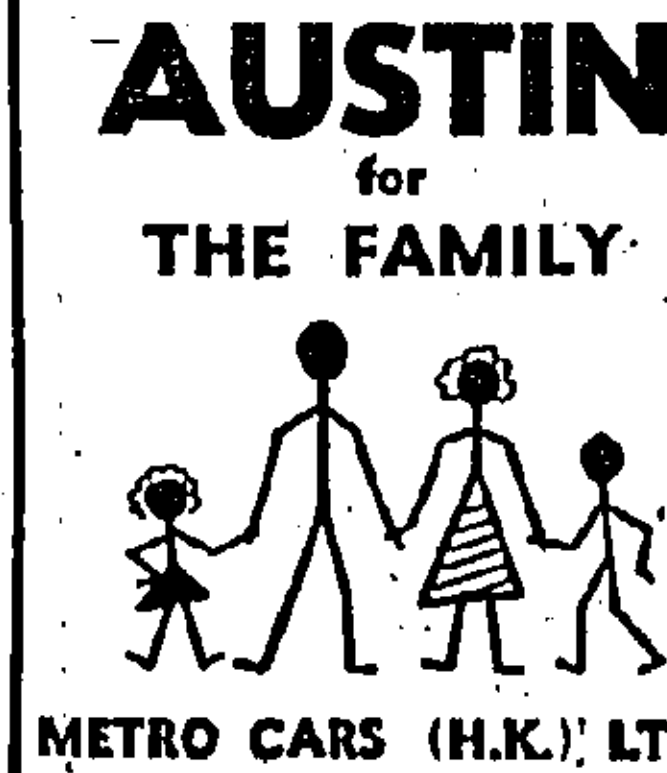
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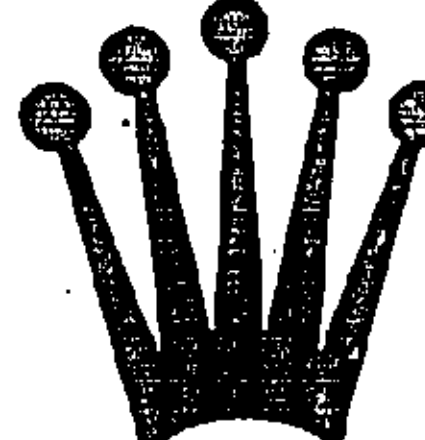
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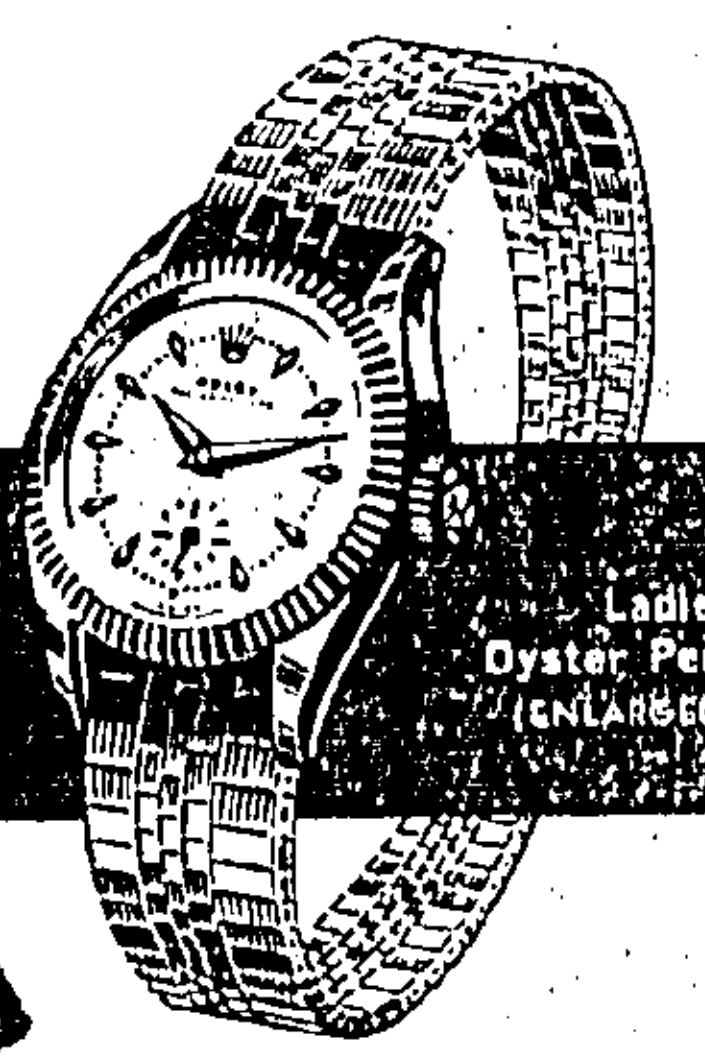
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By Air
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Hawaii, U.S.A., Canada, 9 p.m.
Indo-China, Laos, Malaya, Indo-
nesia, Australia, New Zealand, 9
p.m.
Japan, 9 p.m.
By Surface
Philippines, Thailand, Laos, 3 p.m.
Macao, 5 p.m.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 21
By Air
Korea, 6 a.m.
China, People's Republic, 8.30 a.m.
Malaya, Indonesia, 9 a.m.
Zanzibar, Ceylon, India, Middle East,
Africa, Great Britain, Europe, 2 p.m.
Philippines, 3 p.m.
U.S.A., Canada, 9 p.m.
Japan, 9 p.m.
By Surface
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Macao, 1 p.m.
Korea, 1 p.m.
Japan, Canada, 1 p.m.
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FRIDAY, AUGUST 22
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Okinawa, Korea, 10 a.m.
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Formosa, 1 p.m.
China, U.S.A., 2 p.m.
Philippines, Australia, New Zea-
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Formosa, 5 p.m.
Burma, Pakistan, Middle East,
Africa, Great Britain, Europe, 6 p.m.
Hawaii, 6 p.m.
U.S.A., Canada, 9 p.m.
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By Surface
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(Belgium & Cyprus, via Paris via Mar-
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Malaya, Ceylon, India, Egypt, Great Bri-
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Canada, Noon.
Macao, 1 p.m.
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Portuguese East Africa, (N. & S.),
Rhodesia & Nyasaland, Parcela via
L. Marquês, 2 p.m.
Macao, 5 p.m.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23
By Surface
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Malaya, Mauritius, B. Africa,
Brazil, (Argentina, Parcela direct), 11
a.m.
Japan, U.S.A., C. & S. America,
Noon.
India, 1 p.m.
Formosa, 5 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.
China, People's Republic, 9 p.m.
U.S.A., Canada, 9 p.m.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24
By Surface
Macao, 1 p.m.

An Englishman Taught Norwegians To Climb

By Gordon Martin

CLIMBERS all over Norway are this year celebrating the Silver Jubilee of the Norwegian Peak Club (Tindeklub). In doing so, they remember the Englishmen who, a hundred years ago, first taught Norwegians to climb their own mountains.

The most famous of them is William Cecil Slingsby, who came to Norway in 1872 at the age of 23, and devoted the rest of his life to climbing here. His belief that "the high mountains are the natural playground of those who are endowed with health and strength" was an inspiration to Norwegians who founded the Norwegian Tindeklub in 1908.

A scientific climber, he came to Norway at a time when the mountains were popular with travellers under the influence of the Romantic movement. Interested more in their beauty than their challenge to mountaineers, maps were already being made of the Jotunheim group in Central Norway, but the mountains were visited by hikers and camping parties rather than by climbers in the modern sense of the word.

The energy of the "Jotunheim-ladies" on their walking parties became a by-word, and shortly made their first appearance. Indeed, the poet and playwright Henrik Ibsen was so impressed by their practical qualities that he had his own long trousers cut down to the knees.

Like many writers and artists, Ibsen was a frequent visitor to the mountains of Central Norway, and they inspired much of his work. The Besseggen group in the North Jotunheim, for example, became the "Bendingsgen" in Peer Gynt.

English tourists who came to Norway in the first half of the last century were more interested in hunting and fishing than in climbing. But in the summer of 1855, John Blackwell, a wealthy young Englishman who had been travelling on the Continent since the age of 14, came to Vaagaa in the Gudbrandsdal district, with his friend Rathbone, and a guide from Chamoni, a member of the famous Bakst family. The two Englishmen were so delighted with the excellent hunting and fishing, that they stayed year after year, adopting local dress and customs, learning the dialect, and becoming expert reindeer hunters.

Blackwell married Mari Sves, reputed to have been the most beautiful girl in the valley. They organised races on a nearby lake, and shooting competitions for the peasants. Then, in 1860, Blackwell returned to England with his wife to take over his estate, and Rathbone went to serve in the Indian Army.

By 1870, British Alpinism was entering a new phase, and climbers who had exhausted the possibilities of the Alps were looking for new peaks to conquer.

In 1868, the Alpine Journal published an article by John R. Campbell. In his description of the Jotunheim, and of the Jostedalbrekk, said to be the largest glacier in Europe—he made a remark calculated to arouse the enthusiasm of his readers in the Alpine Club. "Most of the peaks in the western part of the Jotunheim," he wrote, "have not yet been climbed."

In 1872, as a direct result of the publication of this article, the Presbyterian Church of Tasmania had not up to that time been

After his dismissal, Professor Orr took the obvious step to establish his honour. He said the university for £2,000 damages, claiming that he had been wrongfully dismissed. The Tasmanian Supreme Court dismissed his claim, and there, possibly, a lot of people, not unaware that similar cases have cropped up in the past, were content to believe that they had perhaps heard the end of the story. Instead, it proved to be only the beginning and, since 1956 the professor has gained vast support from all sorts of religious and public bodies.

R.C.'s And Presbyterians

It is in this support, rather than in the original allegations concerning the girl which were made against him, that the uniqueness of the case lies. Rarely, if ever, before has there been such widespread support for a man or such a widespread feeling that an act of injustice had possibly been done. And yet the case has come, at least temporarily, to a deadlock.

One leading supporter is Dr. Guilford Young, Roman Catholic Archbishop of Hobart, Tasmania, who is pressing Professor Orr's claim for a full inquiry into the allegations of seduction that were made against him.

If that were the only move by a prominent Australian to bring about a rehearing of the case, it would still be important, but it is, in fact, but one of many. At this stage the following people or public bodies have come forward publicly to say that they think great injustice may have been done and to urge that the whole case be reheard.

The Presbyterian Church of Tasmania, which, through the year and asked Mr. Roy Fagan, the State Attorney-General, to reopen the case; the Church of England; the Roman Catholic Church; teachers of philosophy at all Australian and New Zealand universities; the Newcastle University College Staff Association; and the staff associations of Melbourne and Brisbane Universities.

The Presbyterian Church said that a great injustice had been done and that it had new evidence which cleared Professor Orr completely. It is noteworthy that, after he had lost his original case, Professor Orr, who came from Belfast originally, was admitted to the Scots Church of Hobart as a full communicant member.

C. of E. And Universities
The Church of England has strongly urged a reopening of the case.
The Roman Catholic Church's latest position has been put by Archbishop Young, quoted above.
The teachers of philosophy in Australian and New Zealand universities have said that they would boycott the Chair of Philosophy left vacant at the University of Tasmania by Dr. Orr's dismissal.
The Newcastle University College Staff Association last month declared that all Tasmanian University staff vacancies were "black" could not be accepted by members of the association—until the case was finally resolved. And the

As early as 1826, I.C. Dahl, Professor of Art at the Dresden Academy, came to Norway and the mountains were the theme of his paintings for the next 30 years.

Edward Grieg the composer was also well known in the Jotunheim, and he wrote, in 1866: "After a journey in the mountains, I feel happiness and peace as if I had listened to Beethoven's Tenth Symphony."

Slingsby himself paid a generous tribute to Grieg by saying that his music was the only Norwegian, but the whole civilised world, to enjoy the Norwegian mountains.

Then, on July 21, along with Emanuel Moen, a schoolmaster from Bergen, and Knut Lydden, a reindeer hunter, he began the ascent of the Store Skagastoeletind, the highest peak in the group. The three made their way to the top of the glacier, now named after him, Slingsbybreen. But his two Norwegian companions were too exhausted to go further.

Watched anxiously by them, Slingsby continued alone, scaled a 150-metre (492 feet) high wall to the summit, built a small cairn, and in two hours was back with them.

The date was a milestone in the history of Norwegian mountaineering. Norwegians came into contact with the English climbing centre at Turigro and, in 1868, founded their own Club.

In 1910, Ferdinand Schjelderup visited Slingsby in England, and saw a photograph of Steadfast in northern Norway, described by the Englishman as "the ugliest mountain in the world." He returned to Norway and climbed it.

Slingsby kept up his connection with the Norwegian climbers until his death in 1929.

In a message to the Norwegian club this year, Sir John R. Campbell, President of the Alpine Club, noted the close links between climbers of the two countries. And he reminded them that much of the progress made in expressing the hope that "such barriers as the Iron Curtain will now be lowered for mountaineers who live on either side of them, so that we may share our common passion for the restoration of a church and the material complications of national policies and economies."

are probably lively," replied the admirer, smilingly affixing his stamps. Bird-seed may still be sent by post to the Andaman Islands, but not jelled eels or football boots to Swedish Lapland.

BY THE WAY
by Beachcomber

A NOTE on permissible slugs among educated people on formal occasions omitted a warning against the use of the word "boko" for nose.

A lady does not say to an ambassador at a diplomatic reception, "Pardon me blowing my nose so frequently, but I fear I have contracted a cold in it." A hostess at a rather informal cocktail party, if she knows all her guests well, may say, "I wish Jonquil would keep her boko out of other people's business." Anyone who said this at a wine-tasting ceremony, "Give this Richebourg, the once-over with your boko," would not be asked again.

Post Office hits out

THE Post Office has reacted vigorously against a growing abuse. Nobody may now send bees by post to Canada. The question of wasps is still undecided. A man who had labelled a parcel of bees "Socks Only" was asked by an alert clerk, "What, pray, is that buzzing in my ears?"

Target

HOW many words of four letters or more can you make from the letters in the word "TUNNEL"?

Small squares may be used once only. Letters must be at least one letter apart. No plurals. No foreign words. Excellent! Do you know the answer?

STAR & METROPOLE: "The Kid," a re-make of a famous Charlie Chaplin film with Jackie Coogan.

MAJESTIC: "Man Hunt" with Diane Varsi, Don Murray, and Sterling Hayden.

ORIENTAL: "The Iron Sharp" with Sterling Hayden.

CAPIROL: "All Quiet On The Western Front" revival of the greatest War picture ever made.



No Work In The World Cost So Much For So Little

Sydney, Aug. 18.
During the last few weeks unnamed government sources have been indulging in what, in General MacArthur's day, was known as a softening-up process.

These spokesmen have been throwing out pretty broad hints that the city's missing rail link—the Eastern Suburbs Railway—is finally to go into the pigeon hole of forgotten public works. Officially, it has been stated that the whole question of the railway is under review, but there is little doubt that the public is being brought to a condition that the final official announcement will cause no surprise and there will be no screams of rage from the sardines known locally as the travelling public.

The Eastern Suburbs Railway has been starting and stopping under Sydney for 45 years. Its various starts over this period have cost the taxpayers around the £3 million mark.

The various stops have left Sydney riddled with tunnels that go nowhere and do nothing. For the last three years the works have been at the stop stage.

With the population of Sydney now nearing the 2 million mark, and public transport getting more and more out of hand, there is growing resentment at the prospect that not only may the railway not be built, but at the fact that work on it is being pressed on regardless of cost.

Whatever the outcome, it is certain that no public works project in the world has dragged on so long and cost so much for so little return.

ONE of the headaches still to be solved by Premier Cahill since his return from overseas is how he is going to get over instructions from the unions to abolish the State Upper House.

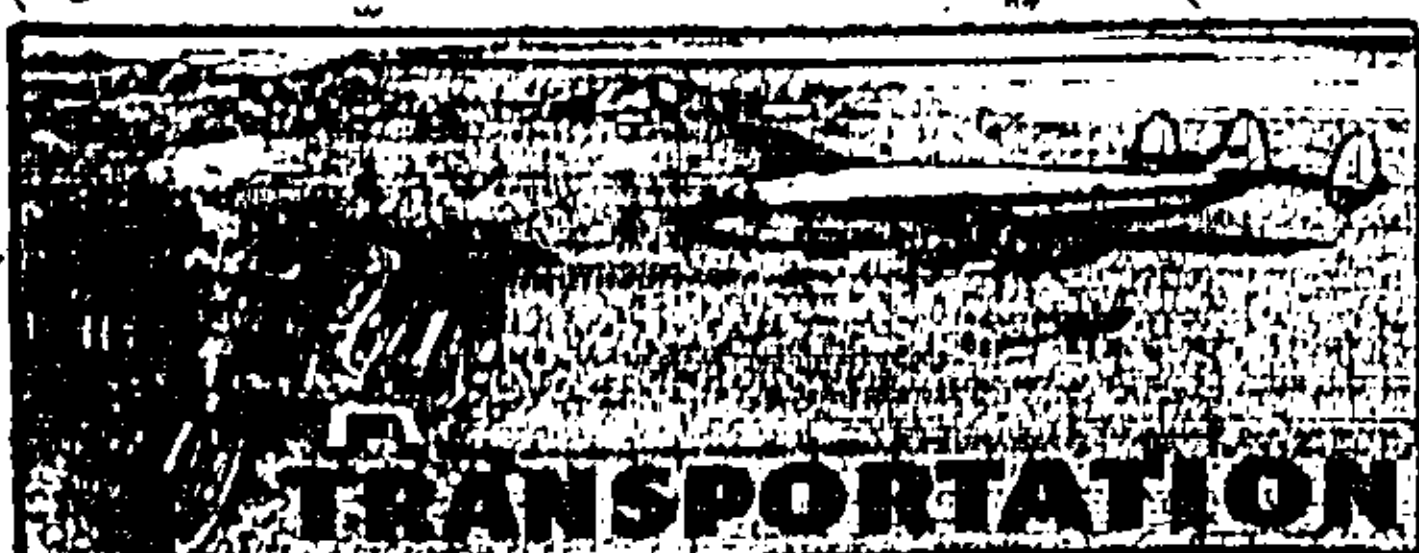
Abolition of Legislative Council has for long been a plank in the Labour Party platform but it is only over the last six months or so that pressure has been put on the Premier to carry it into effect.

Strangely enough, one of the earlier reasons why the issue has never been forced is that the Opposition, in the shape of the Liberal Party, would have bitterly opposed the move, but over recent years many Liberals have come to regard the chamber as more or less a joke and any opposition they raised about its going would be taken and half-hearted at best.

Greatest advocates for the retention of the Chamber are the 60 members who belong to it, without doubt it is Australia's most exclusive club.

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TRANSPORTATION

DRIVE TO REPLACE OLD U.S. SHIPS WITH N-POWERED ONES

By GRANT DILLMAN

Washington. THE Government is launching a drive to get American fleet owners to replace some of their obsolete merchant ships with nuclear-powered vessels, partially as a defence measure, it was disclosed recently.

Touching off the campaign will be a special one-day symposium here on August 21 which shipbuilding officials will be given an inside look at what has been accomplished so far in making nuclear power competitive with conventional propulsion.

The Maritime Administrator, Clarence C. Moore, who announced the meeting, said the aim would be "to explore the operational problems of nuclear-powered merchant ships," obtain the views of industry leaders and "discuss the outlook for nuclear propulsion."

WOULD CONVINCE

Other officials questioned about the matter, said it was hoped that data made available to the fleet owners would convince them that they should include at least one nuclear-powered vessel in their ship replacement programmes.

Officials currently feel that big oil tankers or ore carriers offer the most promising prospects for nuclear-powered ships. They said this was because of the two of tankers which consume a large part of their cargo on long voyages.

It was said that a big tanker plying the Persian Gulf route from the Middle East oil fields to Europe or the United States may turn up as much as 80,000 barrels of oil.

Officials also said the cargo of an oil or ore carrier could be used as shielding from the ship's nuclear reactor, thereby reducing the weight problem. They conceded, however, that this would assume that cargoes would be available in both directions.

MILITARY USE

Turning to the military implications of nuclear power, officials noted that this country had to produce, process and deliver fuel for a fleet of some 5,000 vessels during World War II. They said some military experts believed elimination of this work might be a decisive factor in any future war.

Much of the information to be made available at the August 21 symposium will be based on the Government's experience with the only nuclear-powered merchant ship now under construction in this country, the Savannah.

But officials said progress in the field had been so rapid that the Savannah already was outdated in some respects even though it was not expected to be launched until some time next year.

"We're prepared to show that it is now theoretically possible to produce a gas-cooled reactor capable of turning out 20,000 shaft horsepower, the same as the Savannah's, with only one-third the weight," one spokesman said.

He added that atomic engineers had the practical knowledge to turn out an engine half the weight of the Savannah's reactor.—U.P.I.

American Licence For Fairey Rotodyne

London, Aug. 19.

BRITAIN'S Fairey Company, the designers of the vertical take-off Fairey Rotodyne aircraft, announced today the sale of a licence for the manufacture of the plane, to the American Kaman Aircraft Corporation of Bloomfield, Connecticut.

The Rotodyne is a plane that takes off vertically, like a helicopter, and then converts into forward flight by the power of two turbo-prop engines, jettisoning its rotor freely under wind pressure, like an autogyro.

The agreement is subject to the approval of the British and American governments. The Rotodyne will be built for military purposes.

So far, the Fairey Company has built only one prototype of the Rotodyne. For several months, it has been attempting to obtain a subsidy of £3,000,000 to £10,000,000 from the British Government for the plane's manufacture.—France-Press.

British Bankers' Marriage Of Convenience

Four of the largest banks in Britain have announced plans to enter the hire-purchase finance business. What this means for both sides, and for the borrowing public is explained by

GEORGE PULAY

London, Aug. 19.

STRIKING changes are taking place in Britain's banking system. At one fell swoop the joint stock banks have broken with tradition and at the same time have placed the stamp of "respectability" on hire-purchase finance.

Following so quickly on last month's relaxation of the credit squeeze, the rush to enter hire-purchase suggests a fundamental change in official thinking, especially in the Bank of England itself, for there is little doubt that the big banks would not have taken the plunge without the "Old Lady's" blessing.

Beneficial

Some of the banks have been anxious to extend their interest into this field for some time, especially since the Commercial Bank of Scotland blazed the trail four years ago and Australian banks were seen to have taken the plunge with highly beneficial results. Moreover, it must have been increasingly irksome to the banks to find themselves restricted in their traditional operations by the credit squeeze.

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UK—MOST POPULAR TOURIST CENTRE

London.

BRITAIN has now superseded France as the most popular European tourist centre for Americans, Mr Glen J. Cruden, Trans-World Airlines sales chief, reports.

He adds that flights by American tourists to London had increased in the first seven months of this year by more than 39 per cent compared with figures for the same period last year, which was itself a record.

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SECOND GIANT TANKER FOR GREEK COMPANY

Inosshima, Aug. 19.

THE Hitachi Shipbuilding Company delivered to a Greek shipping company today, the second of a pair of the largest tankers ever built in Japan.

The Panama-Flag Line, a subsidiary of the Greek-owned Orion Shipping Company of New York, took over from Hitachi at its dockyards here, the 47,000 deadweight ton Andros Transport.

The vessel's sister-ship, the Violanda, is already in operation.—U.P.I.

ATOM-POWERED SUB TRANSPORTS

Genoa, Aug. 19.

A PLAN for the construction of an atom-powered transport submarine in Italy is now under consideration by the Italian Defence Ministry, groups of shipbuilders, and insurance companies, and the Italian National Electro-Nuclear Company, it was learned here today.

Meanwhile, the research section of the Ansaldo Company and the nuclear section of the Fiat Company are studying proposals for the construction of an atom-powered tanker.

This vessel would be of 70,000 tons, although this figure might eventually be increased to 100,000 tons.—France-Press.

BIG DROP IN NEW SHIP-BUILDING

SCARCELY any contracts for new ships have been placed with the major shipbuilding yards of the world during the last three months.

Trade sources say, however, that secondhand values for large standard war-time built ships have now fallen to a point where many buyers are ready to enter the market.

Recent sales of war-time built Liberty-type ships have shown a slight increase in value to about £140,000-£145,000.

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For the public, hire-purchase facilities should eventually be greatly improved, and, it is to be hoped, at lower cost. The bank's backing, let alone their full co-operation on branch level, should tend to overcome the last bastions of prejudice to installment buying.

Although it has grown rapidly in the post-war era under the stimulus of full employment and the redistribution of income, hire-purchase in Britain today still lags far behind the "new" countries.

At present, the nation's hire-purchase debt is near £500m, less than a quarter of the funds owing to building societies and similarly dwarfed by outstanding bank loans. On this basis, new works out of less than £10 per head of population per year, compared with £45 in the United States, £21 in Canada and £19 in Australia.

There can be no doubt that, in an expanding economy, hire-purchase will grow. New outlets are continually coming into use, be it for the spreading of school fees over, say, eight instead of four years, for air travel or for investment buying. In the past five years, small though it may be comparatively, the British hire-purchase debt has doubled.

Given greater freedom and new backing this figure may well grow to over £2,000m. over the next 10 years.

Until recently, however, the Bank of England frowned on any association with hire-purchase finance houses. Some of the more conservative commercial banking interests also stood aloof. Mr Anthony Tuke, chairman of Barclay's, for instance, said only six months ago, hire-purchase was not banking business.

As it happens, it was Barclay's which last month made a match on the rest by announcing that it was to acquire a 25 per cent stake in the United Dominions Trust, largest of all the credit finance houses (and, incidentally, the one which long before was engaged not only the blessing but the active participation of the then privately-owned Bank of England when Lord Norman was Governor).

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So far, the banks' participation in hire-purchase has been limited. Barclay's are putting up £4m. of new money to buy a quarter of U.D.T.'s equity. Westminster and Martins have joined forces in subscribing for shares in Merchants Credit, the second largest finance house, and will emerge each holding 20 per cent of the equity.

Third came the National Provincial with an outright cash take-over bid for North Central Wagon, third largest, involving £9.5m. The other big banks will no doubt follow and the fever has spread to the merchant banks, two of which this week announced plans for a hire-purchase venture.

These marriages should prove highly profitable to both sides. For the hire-purchase houses, powerful bank backing means greater security and the immediate freeing of funds, now held in reserve, for fresh financing. Improved credit standing should also make it possible in future to attract deposits at a lower rate than hitherto and thereby increase profitability. Should the banks eventually make available their branches—Barclay's, the largest, has 2,000—for over-the-counter hire-purchase transactions, the impact could be formidable.

Meanwhile, the banks' share of advances for hire-purchase, which has been decreasing, should rise again. Currently, the clearing banks' advances of around £31m. account for only 1.5 per cent of total advances. The banks will thus have a useful outlet for loanable funds as well as sharing in the profits of their new investment.

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NEW YORK STOCKS CLOSE FIRM

New York, Aug. 19.

Stocks closed today on a firm note with prices higher but under their best levels of the session.

Steels ruled strong as a group. Ralls produced some gains ranging to nearly two points in Katy Preferred which responded to agreement to amend the railroad's preferred stock modification plan.

Studebaker-Packard, most active issue, slipped back on announcement of the company's refinancing programme involving reduction of bank loans through issuance of preferred stock and authorisation of additional common stock to provide funds for diversification.

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30 Industrials 632.64
20 Railroads 129.68
10 Utilities 127.77
100 Stocks 127.77
Comm. Future Price Index 163.22

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Australian dollar (per £1) 1.25
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Singapore (Straits) 1.80

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100 JAY-WALKERS A WEEK STILL BEING PROSECUTED



This photo illustrates what happens on an uncontrolled "stud" crossing on Pedder St. when pedestrians and cars vie for the right of way.—China Mail Photo.

Some Improvement Noted By Police

by Andrew Sloan
China Mail Reporter

The Hongkong Police Traffic Branch are averaging 100 prosecutions a week for jay-walking in Hongkong and Kowloon, according to the Superintendent of Traffic, Mr Alexander Morrison.

The Traffic Branch are keeping a strict lookout for jay-walkers on both sides of the harbour in selected areas, but at the same time, continue to advise and guide pedestrians in

On the island, the worst area is proving to be Shaikwan, where the state of affairs is aggravated by heavy vehicular congestion, including trams and motor cars. In addition Shaikwan is in the middle of a market area.

Mr Morrison said the best area on the island, was on Queen's Road East, between Hennessy Road and Kennedy Road, where the road is narrow and always busy.

In crowded Central District, I watched three crossings for about half an hour, and it seems that at last the situation is being brought under control, but there is still the odd pedestrian who refuses to make use of the crossings provided, and who must run across the road when there is a full in the traffic.

Four Times

The crossings I watched were those on Pedder Street, and the two Queen's Road crossings on either side of Pedder Street. Pedestrians and traffic were kept well under control by the traffic policemen on the Queen's Road crossings, but once they reached Pedder Street, where there is no policeman, both vehicular and pedestrian traffic came to grief, luckily without serious results. In the short time I was there, this happened no less than four times.

The China Mail photograph illustrates what happens when pedestrian meets motor car on the Pedder Street crossing.

CHILD KILLED, TWO HURT IN TRAFFIC MISHAPS

A five-year-old girl, Fong Fung-mei, of 91, Oak Street, ground floor, was killed when she was knocked down by a lorry outside her home at about 10.30 a.m. yesterday.

A double decker bus knocked down and injured a 75-year-old man in Shanghai Street, near Lai Chi Kok Road, at about 4.50 p.m. yesterday.

The pedestrian, Chan Suen-nam, of 145, Prince Edward Road, second floor, was admitted to Kowloon Hospital.

Chan Yu-tn, aged 22, of 60, Shek O Village, was admitted to Queen Mary Hospital yesterday afternoon with injuries after being knocked down by a private car outside the Grand Theatre, Queen's Road East.

The correct use of pedestrian crossings.

In the areas which the Traffic officers are watching, there has been a marked improvement, but Mr Morrison warns, "the situation is still far from perfect."

Warrant For Arrest Of James Tung Withdrawn

The warrant for the arrest of James Tung, manager and proprietor of Tours Inc., of 41 Kimberley Road, second floor, was this morning withdrawn by Mr A. L. Leathlean at Central Magistracy on an application by Chief Inspector R. MacKenzie.

It was issued last Monday when he failed to appear in court on a charge of disorderly conduct by fighting.

In making the application, Inspector MacKenzie said the defendant had entered hospital at 10 a.m. last Monday, the day he was supposed to appear, and it was not until this morning that he was released.

Upon his release, Inspector MacKenzie continued, Tung immediately reported to him at Bay View Police Station.

Mr Leathlean then remanded Tung until tomorrow morning, in police custody with the option of \$1,000 bail. He told Tung that if he could produce sufficient evidence as to the time of his admittance into hospital, his previous bail of \$1,000 would not be forfeited.

\$500 Fine For Korean

A 40-year-old Korean, David Y. Nam Kung, living at 3 Kin Wah Street, first floor, was fined \$500, by Mr A. L. Leathlean at Central Magistracy this morning, for driving without a licence and third party insurance. He was also disqualified from holding or obtaining a licence for 12 months.

It was stated, by prosecutor Sub-Inspector H. Ma, that the defendant was driving along King's Road in an easterly direction last Monday, and just before the Metroplex Theatre, he turned right and drove unsteadily into a car park beside the theatre.

This aroused the suspicion of a constable on cinema traffic duty who went up and asked the defendant for his licence. He could not produce it as he did not possess one but said he had a Japanese driving licence.

Off To Canada

Mr Chan Kwong-chau, Vice-Chairman of the North Point Kaitong Welfare Advancement Association, left by CPA plane this morning for Canada, taking with him his son, Wing-chung, 9, and daughter, Kwal-ching, 7. They will go to school there. Among those who saw him off at the airport were his wife and many committee members of the association. Mr Chan will return to the Colony in two and a half months.

P.I. PROSECUTES CHINESE FISHING EXPERTS

Manila, Aug. 20.

The Philippine Navy today prepared court action against eight Chinese fishing experts on suspicion of fishing in Manila Bay without the necessary permit from the Bureau of Fisheries.

The eight natives of Shantung, North China, came to Manila aboard the mv Apariti, which was purchased by a Filipino firm in Hongkong, to teach local fishermen the technique of deep sea fishing.

A naval patrol apprehended the Chinese off Corregidor Island while on actual test operations with Filipinos.

They were brought before Immigration Bureau authorities who cleared the Chinese of violating any Philippine immigration laws.

However, the Naval officials insisted that although the Chinese entry into the country was legal, the fact remains that they have no licence to engage in fishing here or to work as experts.

An Error?

The Chinese fishing experts' case attracted the attention of the Manila Times which editorially said that the Navy "compounded the error" by making "such a flimsy charge as fishing without licence." Somebody in the top Navy echelon must have "goaded" in treating the Chinese fishing experts as "if they were doing the job of teaching fishing techniques" in wilful violations of the law, the Times said.—U.P.I.

ROBBERY

A man walking along the footpath to Tin Hau Village, near Clear Water Bay, was accosted by two Chinese armed with knives at about 6.10 p.m. yesterday.

The armed men relieved their victim of cash and property to a total value of \$270 before escaping.

Tyre Stolen

A spare tyre was stolen from a private car parked outside No. 296, Castle Peak Road on Monday evening.

Snatching

A woman had a gold necklace and a jade pendant snatched from her at about 1.15 p.m. yesterday whilst on the sidewalk of No. 45, Cheung Sha Wan Road.

Suspects Detained

Three men are being held by the Police following enquiries into a number of street heists in Hongkong and Kowloon.

From the Files

25 years AGO

"COLONIAL" author of "Old Hongkong" quoted an editorial of 1874 from the Hongkong Times, now non-existent, on the subject of Kowloon:

"Although British Kowloon has been in our possession for some 13 years, we do not seem to have been able to turn it to much account. The poor agriculturalists, who had a footing on the pier when was ceded to Great Britain and raised vegetables as a livelihood, were dispossessed of their ground and remunerated for their loss when it was decided that Kowloon should be split up into lots and sold to the highest bidder."

"Whatever may have been the ideas in the mind of His Excellency Sir Hercules Robinson, they now find that besides two or three Naval coal sheds, a tentative military barracks, and a couple of police stations and the 'closes', Kowloon has not advanced one step since its cession. We are forgetting the village of Yau-mat and a few private residences of which some are only temporary erections. The hopes of turning Kowloon to account were not possessed solely by Sir Hercules."

"We have referred to a few private residences — they are scarcely pretentious enough to be designated suburban villas; besides with the harbour running between us, we would be severely correct in styling Kowloon the 'suburbs of Victoria' — that now exist in Kowloon, and we even think the gentlemen who have erected them have only shown a just appreciation of the healthiness of Kowloon but have also set an example that many would do well to follow."

"In Kowloon, there is every inducement to land owners to turn their property from barren wastes into tempting residences for many of the people of Victoria who are now paying high rents for very poor accommodation. Some might consider the passage to and from an objection, but however this might have applied in days gone by, now that ferry boats are an established fact, we see no reason for the objection."

Bird's Eye: Young Chinese found asleep in the Post Office main entrance pleaded that he was tired. He had apparently heard of the Post Restante.

A PREDICTION that in the future Wanstead Bowling Club would be entertaining Portuguese, Indian and Chinese bowlers at the annual match between Wanstead and Hongkong, was made at a supper which followed this year's contest at the Wanstead Club's green.

One of the keenest matches ever fought between the club and a team of players from Hongkong for the "Esplan" Club had preceded the supper. The captain of the Hongkong team, Mr B. E. Maughan, said: "The time has come now when so many bowlers from Hongkong have visited Wanstead that there is hardly a European bowler out there who does not know the district."

"The growth of our Association is such that I am convinced that it will not be long now the tour has been recognised, and we are able to put out four rinks, before you will have with you as visiting bowlers Portuguese, Indians and Chinese."

"What could be better than this great spirit of brotherliness?"

A new (C.B.) Skato story is told by the actor Ralph Richardson. At the opening of one of the Malvern festivals, at which he appeared, Mr Shaw failed to reserve seats. Later Mr Shaw wanted to come but owing to heavy bookings could not at first get seats next to his wife's. On hearing this Shaw wired to the manager: "Those whom God hath joined together, let no man put asunder." He got the seats.

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Shakes Fist At Bench—Gets Extra Month

After being sentenced to three weeks' imprisonment for malicious damage, an unemployed drug addict, shook his fist at the magistrate in Kowloon Court as he was led away. He was then brought back and sentenced to a further month in jail for contempt of court.

The defendant, Hung Chi-yau, 30, appeared before Mr T. L. Yang at Kowloon this morning, charged with maliciously damaging three windows of the American Relief Association for the Aged, at 22 Sai Yee Street, on Monday. Hung went to the Association that evening and asked for \$1 to buy food. However he was known there as a heroin smoker and a gambler and was refused. As he was walking away from the building, he threw stones at the windows of the Association.

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Australians For Canton



Above: The Australian entertainment troupe which arrived here yesterday from Sydney, left this morning for Canton on a seven-week tour of China. Led by a Melbourne businessman, Mr John Rodgers, (at top) the party has been invited by the China Ministry of Culture.

Below: Representatives of the Kurt Ulrich Film Company of Berlin arrived in Hongkong this morning. This photograph shows, from left to right Herr L. Wheddelner, W. Giller, Miss L. Andree, G. W. Fisher and D. Wolgast. While here they will film scenes for the film Peter Von.—China Mail Photos.